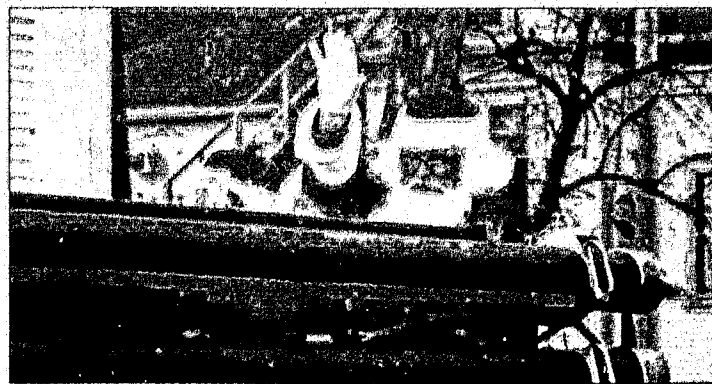


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SOUNDS OF THE SEASON-The Mahosuc Community Band, directed by Patricia Boyle-Wight, performed its annual Christmas Concert Sunday afternoon at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Among the songs were "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Sleigh Ride."

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Beacon installed at Bethel Airport

By ALISON ALOISIO

A new 'aerodrome beacon' has been installed at the Bethel Airport as part of an ongoing airport upgrade project that will eventually result in instrument-approach night landings at the airport, ac-

cording to Town Manager Christine Landes.

The alternating white-and-green, rotating light beacon has been in place for a couple of weeks and operates from dusk until dawn, she said. It is visible against the night sky from around the area, prompt-

ing questions from some residents.

In the spring runway lights are expected to be installed, Landes said. Their operation will be controlled remotely by pilot radio and the lights will only come on as needed for landings.

The precision approach/instrument landing capability, however, is not expected to be operational for a couple of years, Landes said.

Other work, including tree cutting around the runway, still needs to take place.

Home kitchen cranks out 2,000 Christmas cookies a season

By ALISON ALOISIO

196 pinwheels.
150 Spritz.
90 Russian tea cakes.
127 peanut butter kisses.
Another 133 Spritz.
As the Christmas season progresses, Amy Wight Chapman's tally of cookies baked grows - and grows - and grows.

Most years, she said, the total approaches 2,000, to be distributed to family, friends and others.

Many bakers would tire just thinking about that number.

But Chapman, of Greenwood, has been at it for almost 40 years.

"It's an obsession. I blame my mother," she

jokes.

There does seem to be a genetic tendency to bake, stretching from at least Chapman's grandmother on down to Chapman's own daughter.

In the 1950s Chapman's late mother, Ruth Wight, "used to turn on the oven every morning as she was sending four kids out the door to school, then decide whether to make a pie, a cake, or a batch of cookies," Chapman said.

She learned from her mother, and has taken up the holiday baking cause in the decades since. She makes many of the same varieties her mother did.

Chapman never counted cookies until the year 2000

approached and she began wondering if she could mark that milestone with an equal number of cookies. She discovered that without upping her production rate much, she was able to do it.

She has kept a yearly tally ever since, starting in late November or early December and continuing right up to a few days before Christmas.

"I probably make up and give away between 40 and 50 bags of cookies every year, to coworkers, friends, family, etc., and I take tins of them to various events," Chapman said. "I have a half dozen kinds I have to make every year, and I sometimes

experiment with other kinds."

Among the regular kinds, "Spritz give the most yield for the time expended, because there's no need to chill the dough, the press does all the shaping, and the decorating is done before they go in the oven - usually just sprinkles or cinnamon candies," she said. "And they're small."

A favorite for her, and others, are Gingerbread men (and teddy bears).

"They are the most time-consuming, because the dough has to be chilled, rolled out, cut, baked, and decorated with icing. Russian tea cakes are a

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A day's production of Christmas cookies at the Chapman house.

A. Wight Chapman

Group to seek law change to stop Newry withdrawal

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel resident Scott Cole told the Newry Withdrawal Committee Tuesday that he and others plan to seek state legislation to end the town's SAD 44 school withdrawal process.

Cole had said early in the NWC meeting that while he would like to see Newry's effort end, he had only come to the meeting to listen to discussion.

But as the discussion proceeded about the NWC potentially asking for a vote at the March Town Meeting on whether to raise money to continue the withdrawal process, Cole said he wanted to make a disclosure.

"I and others, we fully intend to ask [Rep.] Fran Head and [Rep.] John Madigan to sponsor legislation to end the conversation. I don't have any beef

with anyone in this room here. You're acting within the law, you're pursuing a lawful goal, but the bigger picture is there is value, there is going to be a school system, all right, and it's going to get paid for somehow.

"We're going to ask the state representatives to do it. I don't know whether they will or not, I hope they do. But we can have that debate and figure it out.

"I'm not here to throw gas on the fire or anything like that ... but absolutely I think that needs to happen."

That brought a quick response from the audience.

"Really, you don't think that's gas?" asked Brooks Morton.

Dr. Mark Eastman, the NWC's educational consultant, asked Cole to

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Newry ponders marijuana rules

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday decided to ask the town's Planning Board to review the zoning ordinance and try to determine if the state's recently-approved marijuana legalization law "fits into" it.

The board discussed the law's provisions for marijuana distribution centers, social clubs and personal-use marijuana grows.

Towns may "opt out" of allowing marijuana to be sold within their borders, Newry Town Administrator Amy Bernard said.

Some towns have also discussed voting on moratoriums on sales in order to allow time to change ordinances, if needed. But Bernard said she has been told state rulemaking under the law will not likely be in place for months, and sales will probably not be able to take place until 2018.

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LUPC leans toward "expedited" for Milton

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is expected to consider on Monday, Dec. 12 a draft decision formal document prepared by its staff to keep Milton Township in the "expedited permitting area for wind energy development" commercial wind project process. (See Nov. 17 Citizen for background.)

Four of seven LUPC commissioners present at last month's regular meeting informally indicated they favor that path. One commissioner was absent.

A majority of five is needed to take action on Dec. 12, according to LUPC staff. Without that majority voting to remove Milton from the expedited area process, staff said, keeping it in the expedited area would be expected to continue.

The LUPC staff planned to prepare a document for a vote to maintain the expedited status.

The commissioners were told at the November meeting that should their votes change at the Dec. 12 meeting and a five-vote majority decides to remove Milton, a special meeting would be required before Dec. 27 to act on a different document formally removing the township.

At the November meeting Commissioner Bob Everett of Bethel questioned the information available on the potential impact of wind turbines on a nearby bat hibernaculum, and he also questioned the ability of the current transmission system to handle added power generation. Everett could not be reached by press time for further comment.

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Letters

SENIOR PLAYERS THANKS

To the Editor:

The Senior College Players performed their 10th-anniversary play on Nov. 18 and 19. We had fun doing it. But it was only possible with the help of so many supporters in the community. The West Parish Congregational Church and Gould Academy opened space for us to rehearse and perform. Thank you, Susan Herlihy and Deb Costello. Bob McCartney took wonderful photos to use for publicity, and Peter Musso pitched in to do the stage lighting at the show. And the special anniversary cake made by Sally Smith lent an elegant touch to the evening. Jewel Clark was kind enough to tape both nights and get them ready to show on Channel 11. The Western Mountain Senior College again underwrote the whole program.

All of this happened thanks to the talents of Ross Timberlake, who took a huge amount of time to write the script and direct the show. But it was the people in the community who made it all worthwhile with their support in coming to the shows and laughing with us and at us. Each and every senior player thanks all of you and with a bit of luck we will see you again next year.

Jack Kuchta, facilitator
Hanover

PROTECT OUR WATER

To the Editor:

In these days of drought, I have grave concerns about Nestle's extracting huge amounts of water from our depleted and fragile water tables around Maine.

Nestle has a track record of targeting small, rural communities with economic struggles and without adequate restrictions on water extraction, seeking 20-year+ contracts in places where folks may be vulnerable to exaggerated claims of new jobs and underestimated projections of infrastructure demands.

Maine has been experiencing a serious drought, as have many other parts of the country. Friends are worrying about their wells or have actually run out of water. Poland, Fryeburg, Hollis, Rumford, Kingfield, Denmark, and several others are all targets of this corporate water extraction.

It's clear we must be vigilant in protecting our water with regulated limits to water table extraction, with at least A) a set fee for every gallon extracted (and monitored independently) with the money going to the community; B) guaranteed year-round employment for a specific number of local people; C) road usage confined to normal business hours; and D) no pumping during periods of drought.

This resource is owned by all Maine citizens, not just those with power and money. Without good, clean, accessible water, Maine could lose millions of tourist dollars and thousands of jobs. We need to act locally in towns and at the state level to protect this precious resource and keep our fresh, clean water accessible for our children and our grandchildren. Thank you.

Dorothy Raymond
Norway

Newry

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If Newry needs to change its ordinances to apply to marijuana but town officials do not have a proposal to present to voters by June, a moratorium might then be advisable, she said.

Bernard told selectmen they should plan on a legal costs budget sufficient to cover advice on ordinance applications and changes.

The board agreed to ask the Planning Board to try to clearly define the town's development districts as they might relate to the marijuana law. Once planners do that, said Bernard, the issue would likely be sent to the town attorney for review.

The Nov. 8 vote on the law is currently subject to a recount due to the closeness of the vote.

In other business Tuesday, the Newry board appointed Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney to be Newry's deputy road commissioner. He has been informally serving in that capacity, Bernard said, but during the recent Sunday River Road improvement project various people involved contacted both her and Bonney with questions, with some uncertainty about the roles. Bernard said it would be "cleaner" to simply designate Bonney as the official contact.

LIGHT UP MAIN STREET THANKS

To the Editor:

The second annual Light Up Main Street Jingle Bell Walk was another great success thanks to the efforts of so many. This has become such a wonderful community event and I could never pull it off without the support and generosity of so many people.

A big thank you to Robin Zinchuk and Jessie Perkins at the Bethel Chamber for all the support in getting this project off the ground. To Santa and Mrs. Claus, Phil McCrillis and Ashley Oliver, thank you for bringing such authenticity and Christmas spirit to this event! A special thank you, Don Katlin, for leading us in song all the way up Main Street and to Sara Hemeon for happily hosting holiday snacks and photos with Santa at The Philbrook Place. And for all the details.

Thank you to The Oxford County Sheriff's Office for ensuring the safety of carolers young and old, to Mike Jodrey and the Bethel Fire Department for the amazing Claus family escort, to the Bethel Inn for donating the hot chocolate, to Rite Aid for the candy canes, to Bevin Bells for supplying the jingle, to Rustics for Santa's fantastic throne, to attorney Mike Steven for the use of his office in preparation, and to Jim McLaughlin at Gould Academy for helping us amplify the Christmas carols!

And last, but most certainly not least, I am so grateful to the Town of Bethel for always dressing our town in holiday cheer, to all of the Main Street businesses and residents for lighting up in all of your Christmas glory and to all the members of this wonderful community for coming out and helping to make Light Up Main Street a holiday tradition. Until next year!

Stephanie Herbeck
Bethel

Cookies

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favorite, but also a multistep process that involves shaping them by hand and rolling them in confectioners sugar (twice) after baking. And pinwheels are a nightmare, with lots of chilling, rolling, shaping, and slicing. I tend to tear the dough (and also tear out my hair) over those, but they are one of several, like the Russian tea cakes and Gingerbread men, that I make because my mom always made them."

The cookies that don't come out just right are directed to Chapman's husband, Tony, and their son, Will, who are glad to help out.

When her children were young, Chapman would decorate individual Gingerbread men to resemble the youngsters'

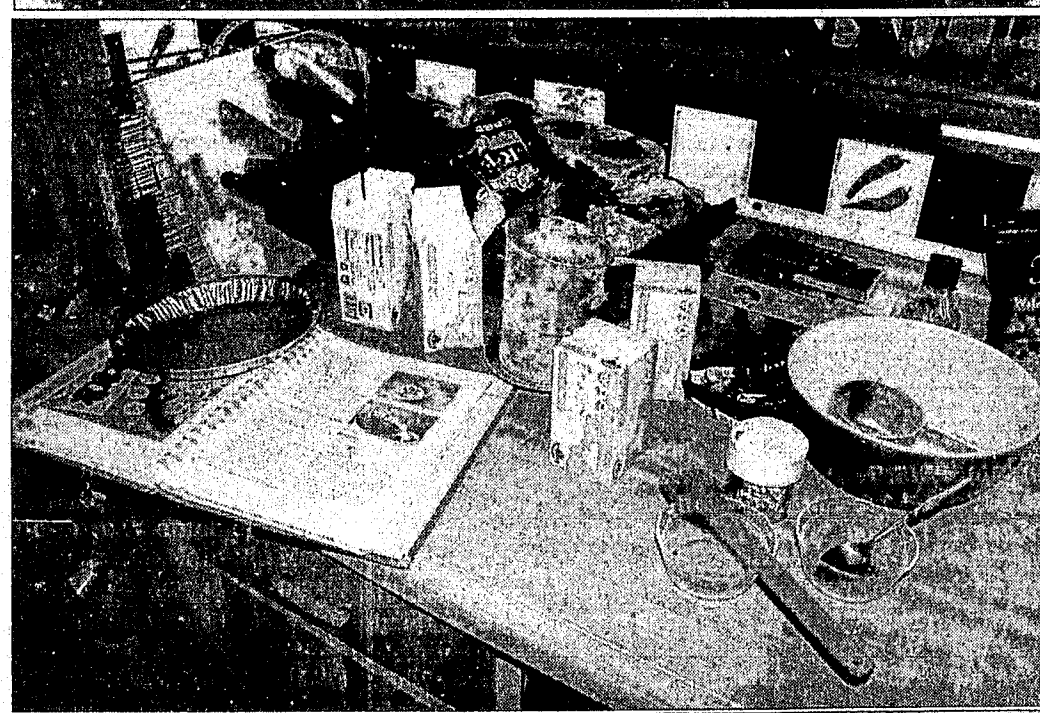
classmates.

"I'd send upwards of 100 cookies off to school," she remembers.

Her daughter, Cait, now carries on the tradition as well, baking dozens for her friends and co-workers.

Chapman was reminded of the significance of the "sweet" family tradition several years ago, when she dropped in to see an old friend of her mother's.

"The last time I visited my mom's lifelong best friend, who was nearing 90 and in an assisted living facility, I brought her a plate of Christmas cookies, and she got teary-eyed and said, 'These are all the kinds your mother used to make!' Chapman said. "Which is really why I do it."



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A. Aloisio

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Area children gathered at Crescent Park School for the annual Breakfast with Santa.

Author Doug Wilhelm spoke with Telstar Middle School pupils about "The Revealers," his book on bullying.

Births: Trinity Rose Alanskas, Kamillah Alexa Villanueva, Makayla Rose Sanborn, Elias Christopher Bennett.

Deaths: Paul Aaron Turner, Romeo J. Orino, Jr., Audrey Anne Dunham, Lempi Yates Heath, Doris M. Ouellette, Marion Gladys Dexter.

20 years ago: Students at Crescent Park School had an unexpected day off thanks to a boiler fire at the school that shut down the heating system.

Gould Academy's ski jumping facility on the Sunday River Road was undergoing some improvements.

Birth: Natalie Gwendolyn May.

Deaths: Christopher R. Dyke, Clyde A. Stevens, Gerald L. Vaughn, Luvie C. Sweetser, Richard N. Inglis, Sr., John Alfred Marshall, IV.

30 years ago: Students at Telstar Regional High School chose science teacher Steve Keane as Teacher of the Year.

Mt. Abram Ski Slopes opened for the season Dec. 9, with a two- to four-foot base of mostly manmade snow.

Births: Christopher Alden Duplessis, Nicholas Riley Young.

Deaths: Katherine A. Morrey, Iva L. Keniston, Carroll N. Thurston.

40 years ago: The Red Lantern snack bar was destroyed by fire. (Now the location of Bethel Auto Sales.)

Fire destroyed the ell of the Stanley home on Middle Intervale Road; the main part of the house suffered comparatively little damage, thanks to the efforts of the Bethel Fire Department.

Deaths: George F. Learned, Bertha M. Emmons.

50 years ago: Superintendent of Schools Horace P. Maxcy tendered his resignation at the Dec. 5 meeting of the S.A.D. 44 Directors. Ralph K. Ryder was elected to succeed him.

WCSH-TV of Portland held auditions for Youth Cavalcade at Odeon Hall.

Birth: Joseph Witter Mofett.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary M. Swift, Beryl A. Martin, Mrs. Lora H. Brown, Edward E. Bennett.

60 years ago: Mr. & Mrs. Gardiner Brown sold their home at Church and Railroad Streets to Gould Academy. Their new home on Eden Lane was nearly completed.

The Misses Judy Harrington, Phyllis Coolidge, Arlene Coolidge, and Donna Smith were a popular Bethel musical group. They made many appearances at 4-H, Grange, and other organizations.

70 years ago: It was voted at a special town meeting to raise \$3,000 for repairs to the Northwest Bethel Road.

80 years ago: Bethel Band was appearing on programs of local organizations.

Officers were elected for the newly formed Bethel Outing Club.

90 years ago: Dr. W. B. Twaddle purchased the Purwinton homestead on Main Street.

Swarthmore Chautauqua presented programs to good sized audiences in Bethel.

110 years ago: A late night fire destroyed the buildings housing the businesses of F. M. Forbush, E. H. Young, and E. E. Randall, and the Masonic Hall.

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clarify what he meant by pursuing legislation.

"We're going to change law to prohibit the withdrawal of the town from the school system," Cole said.

He said he was not "anti-Newry. It's about optimizing value that's been created in the region by the people of the region."

Cole said the current funding system "is the fairest way."

Replied Newry resident Gary Drown, "I think the fairest way is to let each town decide what they want to do with their money."

Tama Drown addressed Cole, saying this was the first time he had "come here and said anything through this process, and we started in November 2014."

Cole, who is county administrator for Oxford County, said that job "shackles me from coming out and saying a lot," but "I'm a taxpayer, too, I've lived in the area for 17 and a half years, and I get to say something."

Commented NWC member William Andrews, "We've heard your threat, thank you, let's move on."

Said Gary Drown, "The Democrats are losing, right, and we know why - because they've become socialist."

Replied Cole, "It's just a principle thing and a mathematical thing. It's nothing more than that."

Cole then left the meeting.

What did the votes mean?

In the discussion leading up to Cole's disclosure,

Tama Drown said the Nov. 8 district vote against changing the local funding formula to benefit Newry

"speaks volumes as far as I'm concerned." She said an article should be put on the Town Meeting warrant to raise more money

to continue the withdrawal process.

"It seems to be very evident a change is needed or wanted by Newry, and nobody else seems to care ... you can kind of understand why [residents in the other towns] don't want to vote to raise their taxes, but ..."

Added Morton, "Newry is the money pit, plain and simple."

He also said that SAD 44 spends money "frivolously," and Newry has no say on school curriculum. "Our representatives don't represent us," he said.

NWC Chairman Jim Sysko said he had heard of several Newry residents who voted against the funding formula change because they want the town to withdraw instead, while others voted for a formula change.

He said the other towns, through the overall vote against a change "called our bluff - I guess they don't expect us to withdraw."

He also noted the overwhelming vote in June by Newry to continue the withdrawal process at that time, acknowledging some may have done it for leverage to encourage the other district towns to vote in November to change the formula.

Gary Drown said if Newry decided to take SAD 44 to court to pursue withdrawal, "we have rights. We have to defend those rights. We have a right to decide how to spend our money."

At the end of the meeting the NWC went into executive session to discuss its options.

Sysko said after the session, "On advice from counsel, I can't report much about what happened other than to say after we left executive session our committee voted unanimously to send a letter from me to the SAD 44 School Board."

He characterized the sub-

ject of the letter as a "negotiation issue."

Contacted Wednesday, the town managers of Bethel and Greenwood said Cole had talked to them earlier this year about pursuing a possible law change, depending on the outcome of the Nov. 8 vote, but he had not formally sought their support.

The NWC meets next Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

Newry withdrawal at a glance

The withdrawal process, intended to produce an agreement between SAD 44 and Newry for Newry residents to vote on, is currently in a stalemate. Negotiations stalled earlier this year after Newry asked for counteroffers from SAD 44 to a town proposal. As that situation developed, a parallel effort got underway to change the local school funding formula - currently it is based entirely on district town valuations.

Some viewed such a change as a possible way to keep Newry from voting to leave the school district - a move that would severely impact the remaining towns financially, because they would have to make up for the loss of about \$2.5 million from Newry, according to SAD 44. Newry has high valuation but few students.

A district-wide committee met and crafted a proposal to implement a formula that included a component also based on student population.

The question appeared on the Nov. 8 ballot in all SAD 44 towns, but was defeated in the district-wide tally. Newry and Greenwood voted in favor of it, while Bethel and Woodstock voted against it.

Art@57MAINE celebrates first year with special events

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

An art show opening, free jewelry-making for kids and adults, rug-hooking demonstrations, and a fiber arts circle are all part of this weekend's events at Art@57MAINE.

Owners Donna D'Aquino and Lauren Head are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the opening of their gallery and working art studio.

After renovating the space accessed by the building's side door, they opened Art@57MAINE last December with a shared vision for a community art space, combining a gallery, studio, and room to teach classes and workshops.

By summer, they had renovated the front of the building, turning it into an airy gallery where they display the work of Maine artists in a variety of media, from painting and sculpture to jewelry and fiber arts.

An opening reception for a show featuring the work of Brighton artist Kimberly Crichton will take place on Saturday from 3-5:30 p.m.

Crichton uses embroidery thread, ink, and unique papers to create a range of pieces, from large wall-mounted art to note cards. Her work will be on display at Art@57MAINE until mid-January.

As part of the anniversary celebration, free jewelry-making classes for both adults and kids will be offered this Saturday from 10-noon and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

On Saturday afternoon from 1-4, Gilead fiber artist Terry Ensslen of Northwoods Made will offer a free rug-hooking demonstration.

In addition, Ensslen will hold a fiber arts circle at the gallery each Saturday afternoon in December. Participants may bring a current knitting or rug-hooking project to work on in a workshop format and will receive individualized instruction and help getting "unstuck," if needed. There is a \$10 fee for the fiber arts circle/workshop.

D'Aquino is a full-time studio metalsmith who creates unique sculptural jewelry pieces in silver,

18kt gold, and steel. After many years of traveling the country to show and sell her art, she now works from studios at the gallery and in her home.

Head majored in studio art in college and for more than 30 years has taught art classes, including blacksmithing, jewelry, sculpture, painting, drawing, and ceramics, at Gould Academy, where she also coaches ski racing and tennis.

Anyone who follows Art@57MAINE on Instagram or "likes" their Facebook page between Dec. 1 and 10 will be automatically entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate, to be drawn on Sunday at 4 p.m. D'Aquino said those who have been following the gallery on social media since before Dec. 1 can call to have their names entered in the drawing.

Art@57MAINE is open from 11-5 on Wednesday through Fridays and Saturdays during the holiday season. For more information, call the gallery at 824-0928, or find them on Facebook.



Artist Donna D'Aquino in the gallery space at Art@57MAINE.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 - a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on December 12, 2016 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal for Crossroads Diner located at 24 Mayville Rd. and Liquor License applications for La Chozza located at 188 Main St. and Jimmy Seas Pan Pasta located at 82 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org
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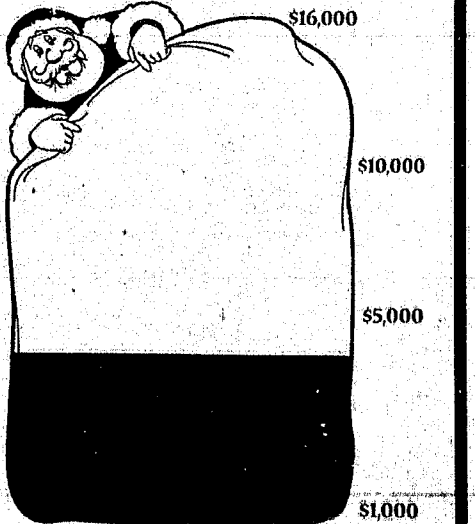
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By DON BENNETT



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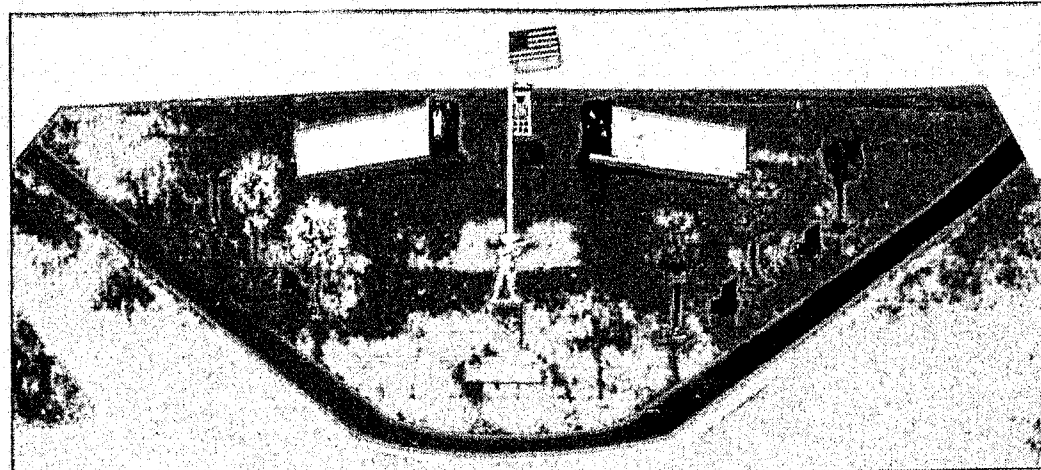
1-3 p.m. There were three "storekeepers." Dean Richmond had the meat market, Mighty Maine Greens from Woodstock had the greens and vegetable stand, and the third store had a large display of women's clothing.

Tree lighting

The crowd gathered, Santa Claus was there, the Christmas tree on the common was lighted, and I got there only in time to see Santa heading down Main Street with a troupe of kids and parents behind him. It reminded me of the big tree lighting events we once held on the grounds in between the Robertson house and the former Thunderbird Motel/Bethel Theater when Gould still owned the motel. David Myers did all the lighting arrangements. One of the big events was a drawing to see who would win a special gift for the occasion. In 1980 the process began to convert the old theater/motel into the Bethel House.

Veterans Park meeting

Last Wednesday evening Craig Ryerson laid out three models for the Veteran Park Development Committee consideration and for a vote to select one. The vote was for the two wall model with the flag in the center of the park. The Civil War soldier monument would remain as is. Phase one development would see a flagpole and trees as shown installed first, followed by park benches. Hopefully, the 2017 Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances would take place at the Veterans Park where these events had been historically held. The Veterans Park plan is going to be on the agenda for the Selectmen's next meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Town Office.



A model layout for a proposed Veterans Park on Main Street in Bethel. The existing Civil War monument is represented by a toy figure. See Bethel Bennett column for more.

D. Bennett

History - Shopping online

Seventy-five years ago while we lived in Arlington, Mass., I remember my mother calling Sears Roebuck to place an order she had made up from the Sears catalog. The next day a Sears truck would show up with her order. My mother's family owned a market garden in the same area and operated a farm store. People would call in orders in the morning from the nearby Arlington and Winchester areas; after lunch one of the store employees would take off with the store's truck to deliver the orders.

You have mail

Bethel has two post offices because Bethel had two railroad stations: Bethel and West Bethel. In 1893 Charles Davis won the bid for mail delivery from Bethel to Umbagog. Old photos show Davis with a large coach of passengers which was used to carry the mail from Bethel to Newry and on to Upton.

Across Main Street from the Town Office is the "Wiley Block." In 1893 Goodwin Wiley, who was the town's pharmacist and drug store owner, was appointed Postmaster of Bethel. That year he built and equipped a new post office adjoining his store block. During his administration as Postmaster, the Bethel post office was upgraded from fourth to presidential class due to the expansion of business through the Bethel post office. He was the Bethel

Postmaster until 1898.

Wiley's post office was in postal use until the end of the 1930's. I am pleased to say that I have been in Wiley's post office. In fact, I created a family incident when I absent-mindedly dropped my stuffed animal toy at the post office and didn't miss it until we got back to my grandmother's house in Sunday River. It took a phone call and assurance that the stuffed toy was safe for my parents to quiet me down.

Sylvia Gray was a temporary mail carrier when the Newry Post Office was at Newry Corner (1988). Here's how she recalled her job at that time: The Sunday River mail went with another driver out of Bethel. I sorted mail for Mayville Road (Route 2) and Newry as far as Norm Davis' place. These were all Bethel addresses. I delivered it also. I took a bag of mail to Hanover and sorted it and delivered it on the way back as far as Newry Corner. I also left a bag of mail at Newry Corner on my way to Hanover.

On the way back I picked up the sorted mail and delivered that along the Bear River Road. The Newry addresses started above Norm's place. I delivered mail to Upton on the right-hand side on the way up, and after Upton, I took a bag of mail to Errol. Starting in Upton on the left I delivered back down along the Bear River Road. So some folks did not get their mail until the afternoon. I then picked up the mail at Newry Cor-

ner (outgoing) and took it all back to Bethel. My day was over!!!!

Today Bethel has four mail routes serving the Main Street post office. The mail route to Upton now runs from the Newry Post Office.

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



Hello, Bethel Citizens Readers - I had a conversation with a community member

who attended the Breakfast with Santa at Crescent Park School on Saturday, Dec. 3. They noticed how helpful the fifth-grade students were at the breakfast. They were very good with the pre-school age children who participated in the games that were offered at this public event. These fifth-graders are the leaders of the school and it is great to know they are living up to that expectation. These same fifth-graders will be participating in another school event coming up soon. On Thursday, Dec. 15 starting at 6 p.m. grades 3-4-5 will be participating in a concert at Crescent Park School. The chorus and band will be performing for the community. Duncan McFarland is the band director and it is impressive to see how many students participate in band. Elementary age is the time to get children interested in playing a musical instrument. On Monday, Dec. 19 starting at 6 p.m. folks will be entertained by the students in Grades K-2. Linda Stowell will be directing the choral part of the concert. Mrs. Stowell has had a stellar career as



Dean Richmond at the Farmers' Market at The Gem.

D. Bennett

a music educator in SAD 43. She does a terrific job putting together a choral program. It is great to see that the community supports music education for our students.

Taking place in Bethel on Dec. 10 will be a LuLaRoe Party held in the dining room at the Bethel United Methodist Church from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is open to the public. While you're in town on Saturday, you can also take a free horse-drawn wagon ride. The horse and wagon can be found at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rides will also be offered again on Saturday, Dec. 17. These rides are being sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14 the Bethel Senior Citizens Club will hold a meeting and dinner at the Sudbury Inn starting at 11 a.m.

This year's Living Nativity will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18 on the Bethel Common starting at 5 p.m. If you have never seen the Living Nativity, this is your opportunity to take in this annual, Christmas event.

Anyone with news or events can reach me at 824-2328 or by email at lhowe7273@gmail.com

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It looks like the time to switch to winter mode. It has arrived. The time for shoveling, cleaning off and warming up the car is here again. It

is also the time for many to relearn and hone their winter driving skills.

Arlene Harrington spent a pleasant Thanksgiving in Andover with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coolidge. On Sunday, Dec. 3, her cousin Gloria Maguire of Rumford, came for an afternoon visit.

It was brought to my attention that the South Paris Legion Hall dances on Saturday nights from 7 to 10, have been moved to the Buckfield Masonic Hall.

Remember to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com

I realized that I goofed last week and forgot the trivia. So better late than never, here it is: In 1895, how much were the Sunday excursions to Berlin, N.H., via the Grand Trunk Railway?

Have a great week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Sunday night the evening news broadcast distraught mothers pleading for

their adult children to please call them. I found this alarming as there were reports of possible dozens of missing people caught inside a burning building in Oakland, Calif. I had called and texted a few times to reach my son Aaron and finally called his sister. Sarah knew that Aaron had "checked in" on Facebook and marked himself safe concerning the fire in Oakland. This safety check is a great way for young people to connect through social media. I guess it's quicker than

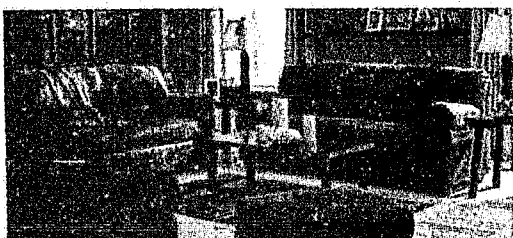
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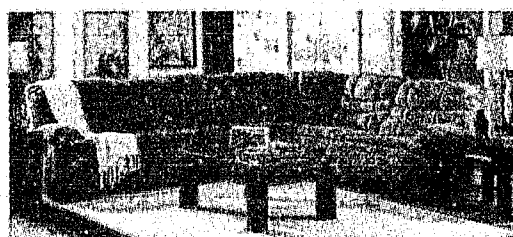
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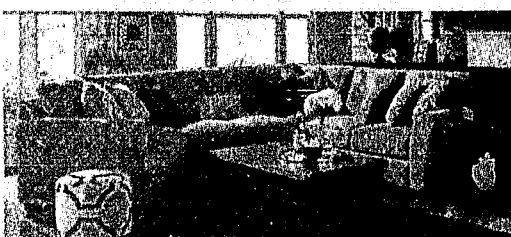
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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWISI archives: I am happy to say that I am almost done with my Christmas shopping.

I don't say that to boast or to make the last-minute shoppers feel badly. It's just the way it is. Shopping early is not something I do because I am an organized person. It's not done so I can take advantage of the best selections or sales. It is done strictly for budgetary reasons.

My job is commissioned sales and I get paid once a month. Therefore, I receive only 12 paychecks per year. Most people receive 52 paychecks a year and those who are paid bi-weekly receive 26, but I can enjoy only 12.

So, it is not because I have taken lessons from Martha Stewart that has taught me to be an early shopper. It is a case of necessity.

But, before any of you envy my nearly completed shopping situation, let me point out the down sides. It is not always that beneficial for a disorganized individual to start their Christmas shopping in April.

First of all, you run out of hiding places and second of all, you forget where in heck all your hiding places are.

This past weekend I decided that it might be a good idea to start wrapping things so I would not be faced with an all night wrapping frenzy a few days before Christmas like I usually am. This is when I discovered that I couldn't find where I put a

good many of the presents I bought months ago.

I also discovered that some of the gifts that I bought a long time ago I had forgotten all about. This would be a bonus if it wasn't for the fact that I apparently liked the items so much that I bought the same things again months later. I would exchange some of these things if only I could remember where in heck I bought them or where I might have stashed the sales slips.

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Here's another bugaboo about shopping early. A large percentage of presents that I bought during the summer are now on sale. I am driving myself absolutely crazy looking through all the sale flyers that are in the paper just about every day.

I know this happens every year and if I were a really smart person, which obviously I'm not, I would set aside money each month just for the Christmas season sales. But, for me, money on hand, whether in the bank or under my mattress, is money spent. I am not real good about hanging onto mon-

ey.

Some of you may envy the fact that I will not have to spend much time in over-crowded stores this month, but the people I envy are the ones who have the talent to make Christmas gifts. I have so much respect for the knitters and sewers and quilters of the world who make beautiful sweaters and quilts every year.

I have no skills for such lovely crafts. I can't sew a straight line no matter how hard I try. I can knit and purl from here to Boston, but I can't turn corners. I knitted a pair of two needle mittens when I was in high school; one mitten came out pretty good, but the other looked like it would fit the Jolly Green Giant if he had happened to have a deformed hand.

When I was pregnant with my son I attempted a baby sweater. Eight years later when my daughter was born I completed it, but my husband wouldn't let me put it on her because it was a bit misshapen. Okay, it was a lot misshapen.

So, in view of the fact that I can't make any presents and I can't save money throughout the year, I'm pretty much stuck with buying a few gifts a month. My resolution for 2017 is to keep a list of what I bought and where I put it so I won't have the problems I have right now. I think that's a good idea and the way I see it, it's a heck of a lot easier than trying to knit a sweater.

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calling everyone to check in, but a worrisome feeling for moms who want to hear a voice the old-fashioned way.

Nov. 29 I attended Richard Blanco's Craft Talk and discussion "Poetic Bethel." A reading and dissection of his poem, "Finding the Gulf Motel" embraced participants in vanished sea of texture, aroma, and images nourishing their senses like a luscious tropical banquet.

I will be writing from the road next week and be entertaining you with my flights of fancy into the depths of the Rocky Mountains in Gunnison National Park. Enjoy your week, decorate and keep your family close.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Hunting season has concluded with the exception of muzzle loading guns and archery. A total of 21 bears and 59 deer were tagged at the Mills Market tagging station.

If you see Marshall or Vickie Meisner, be sure to thank them for decorating our bandstand which looks like a good subject for a Christmas card representing a typical New England town at the holiday season. It's beautiful.

Word has been received here that long-time resident and friend of many, Polly Johnston, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 4. Polly and Dick were both community minded people who did so much when they lived here in Andover—great floats for parades, square dancing, belonging to town organizations and working for them. Just last summer a celebration of Dick's life was held here. Even after their move to Washington, they came each summer to spend time in what they considered home, Andover. They had a long and happy marriage, having met each other in middle school. Their home was always a place of welcome, and a lot of laughs went on there. A service of celebration will be held at a future date.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS
The Board of Selectmen did not meet last Tuesday, due to bad weather and illness for two of the three members. Fortunately, there was a light agenda, and all matters were carried forward to the Dec. 6 meeting, and that news will be carried in next week's column.

There is a Library Trustees meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Andover Library.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas Day but will be opened on Monday, Dec. 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. On New Year's day hours will

be 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., please make a note of that. I will remind you of the time changes as the dates get closer.

I don't have much other news as everyone seems to be tied up in shopping and preparing for Christmas or recovering from Thanksgiving by making that big pot of turkey soup which was a tradition in my mother's house.

As some of you know, I've been struggling with health issues over the last two or three months, which now seem to be on the upside. I want to thank the Andover Service Circle, the Locke Mills Union Church, the West Parish Congregational Church and the West Bethel Church for the cards and words of encouragement.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



It's beginning to look like winter, with about three inches of very light, fluffy snow here in Locke's Mills on Monday, and from the long-range forecast, it sounds like it's going to stick around.

The start of the food scrap recycling program at the Greenwood-Woodstock Transfer Station was delayed by a few days, but it was scheduled to start on Wednesday. I guess that means I won't have to shovel a path to my compost pile this winter—yay!

I never feel ready for snow, but at least Tony did finally discover where I had hidden my boots after I had spent a lot of time looking for them. They were buried at the bottom of a big plastic tote that I had filled with a bunch of other winter stuff and stashed out of the way, probably when I was doing some last-minute cleaning for company. I always think I'll remember where I hide things, but I never do.

I've gotten a few outdoor lights up, and my holiday cookie baking is well underway. As of Sunday evening, I was up to a total of 888 cookies stashed in the freezer. I've figured out that I have the most energy for cookie baking (and the fewest distractions) early in the morning, so I've been getting up and making a batch or two almost every day before I do anything else. Tony and Will are not especially early risers, and I love being in the kitchen alone before sunrise, listening to the radio and baking.

Sandy Morgan emailed to ask me if I have the Betty Crocker Cookie Book. (I always spell it "cookie," but it's "cooky" in the book's title.) My mom had a copy, which I think is still at camp, and most of her holiday cook-

ie recipes came from it. Most of mine come from my regular Betty Crocker cookbook, which I've had since 1979, but I'm pretty sure the recipes for Spritz, pinwheels, gingerbread boys, Russian tea cakes, and candied fruit cookies are the same as the ones in the Cookie Book that my mom used.

Apparently, Dec. 4 (Sunday) was National Cookie Day. I didn't realize that until I had already been up baking cookies for two hours, but I did end up making three double batches of cookies that day.

In between my morning and evening stints in the kitchen, I helped Tony with our ongoing basement floor concrete project. We've finally finished pouring a floor in the "new" part of our basement (which was added on when we built an addition more than 20 years ago), mixing concrete for one four-by-eight-foot section at a time with our small cement mixer.

Now the only part of the basement that still has a dirt floor is the space that connects the new and old parts, which is next on our list of homeowner projects. I have to admit to being glad when we ran out of bags of cement after five hours of work on Sunday afternoon. I had hoped to be done in time to go to the Mahoosuc Band concert in Bethel at 4, but since Tony was willing to give up watching the Patriots game for the project, I figured I'd better stay home and keep on working on it with him.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Since I am not a big fan of snow, I think it is great that any snow that has fallen has been taken away by the sunshine and some rain.

My brother, Steve McLain, attended the rabies clinic at the Bethel Fire Station last Saturday with one of his dogs. State law requires rabies shots and to also obtain a dog license from the town where the dog resides.

Last Sunday, Hugh and I had breakfast with Jon and Elena Martin at Crossroads Diner in Bethel. They were in the area visiting with Jon's brother and wife, Jeff and Kate Martin.

The Gilead Fire Department received a thank you letter from the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center recently. This was in response to the fundraiser they sponsored to raise \$12,000 to purchase refrigerators for all the rooms in the Center's inpatient unit. This was done in honor of Hailey Steward.

Christmas decorations are beginning to appear. Linda Taylor has a very nice display. We put out some lights and put up the cross that my mother, Mildred McLain, used to have on her front door. It was built many years ago by my brother, Steve McLain.

Gilead Historical Society

The fall newsletter was mailed out and several people have mentioned how much they enjoyed the eight pages of what happened throughout this past year.

This past weekend we put the candles in the windows of both of the historical buildings. They look very nice and flicker like a real candle but operate on batteries.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



The 'new' Powers Cemetery, the one across from the Town Office, now has new granite posts with a chain link fence. In the past, it was not clear where the roads were and where it was okay to drive. Now it is clear where vehicles can and can't go. The cemetery committee has been working for a couple years now to straighten out the lot lines and clean up the town cemeteries. The committee has done a good job in sprucing up the cemeteries as well as getting some legal work done that had been neglected.

The Newry Withdrawal Committee met this week. I will let you know next week what happened. Their meeting was too early to make it in the paper. The Next committee (Newry's exit from the district), has money left over, and they are going to discuss what they should do next. After the closeness of the vote, it's hard to tell what they might want to do. Newry residents voted overwhelmingly to change the funding formula. The town of Greenwood also supported the idea, but the

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 29

At 7:28 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald was asked to speak to a student on Walkers Mills Road in Bethel about safe driving.

At 8:31 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to Mill Hill Road in Bethel for a traffic accident with injuries.

At 3:28 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of a subject staying behind a residence on the East Bethel Road in Bethel.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

At 12:02 p.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a burglary of a Broad Street residence in Bethel.

At 10:51 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald assisted a motorist on Walkers Mills Road who went off the road due to weather conditions.

Thursday, Dec. 1

At 12:55 p.m. Deputy James McLamb received found property from a subject in Bethel.

At 1:36 p.m. Deputy James McLamb took a report of an intoxicated subject operating a vehicle in Bethel.

At 3:32 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of an intoxicated subject driving in the Bethel area. The subject was stopped and arrested for violation of condition of release and OUI.

Friday, Dec. 2

At 3:25 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of a threat in Bethel.

At 3:52 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald took a report of harassment in Bethel.

Saturday, Dec. 3

At 9:54 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward took a report of a vehicle drag racing on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. The area was checked but nothing found.

residents of Woodstock and Bethel decided to vote it down. Considering all the negative rhetoric and falsehoods that were brought up during the campaign, I would say the vote was pretty darn close. Maybe the committee can call for a recount; it seems to be the popular thing to do nowadays. In the meantime, I hope the school board can stick to proposing a budget and stay out of the tax business.

The selectmen have been meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday mornings. It is a terrible time to meet. Most people are working or getting ready for work during those hours. Even though the bylaws allow them to set their own meeting times, if they are concerned about transparency and having citizen

involvement, then I ask them to please move the meetings back to Tuesdays at 5 p.m. or after. Okay, I would tell you this in person, but I can't make the meeting since it is at 7:30 in the morning.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Upton residents, don't forget to call in your RSVP to Charlotte soon.

This weekend Penny and I took a small step into the 21st century. We threw out our 1995, 25-inch console television and installed 48-inch flat screen. Maybe our next step will be a central heating system.

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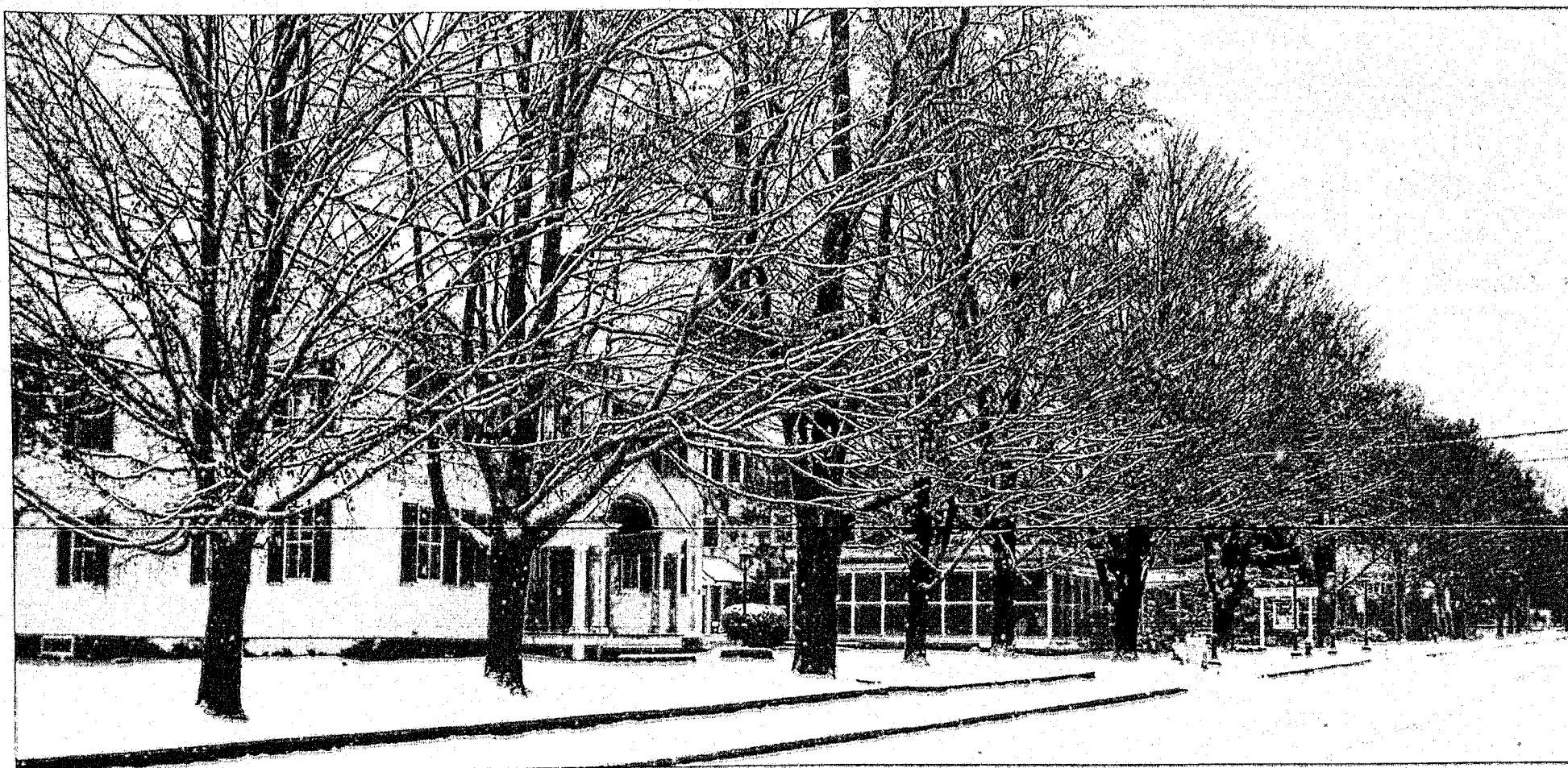
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BROAD STREET IN THE SNOW
Monday's light snowfall kept many drivers at home, affording a car-less view up Broad Street in Bethel.
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Last week was an unusual work week. I made three trips to Hollis and one to Weybridge, Vt. totaling almost 1,000 miles. I fueled up the pickup I drove four times. With all of the driving, I only actually worked about 45 hours.

Penny has long since finished all her Christmas shopping. I should start mine soon.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

Please send an email to backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Today, Dec. 8 is the Whitman Memorial Library program with the Oxford Hills Ukelele Group. Jim Burke on the keyboard will be leading a Christmas sing-along at 2 p.m. This group is back

by popular demand. Holiday refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet Monday, Dec. 12 at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting, exchange of gifts and cards, and a tasting party.

Services at the Baptist Church are: Sunday school at 9:30 for all ages, morning worship at 10:30, The Ladies Group will go to "A Christmas Carol" in Auburn on Saturday, Dec. 10. The bus will leave at 12:30 sharp. Saturday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. is our annual Christmas candlelight service. All are invited to attend. Sunday, Dec. 25 the morning service at 10:30 will be held, but there will be no Sunday school or evening service.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alpheus Brooks.

All of our family was here for Thanksgiving except for three. Twenty-one enjoyed the fellowship and dinner together.

Volunteer driver program benefits whole family

By Liz Marquis, Sun Media

Al Cressy sat in the waiting room of an Auburn medical office on Nov. 21, patiently waiting for his precious cargo, Caroline Gould, to come out of her appointment. When she entered the waiting room, Cressy stood up and helped her with her coat before exiting into the swirling snowflakes outside.

Cressy is just one of the many volunteers involved in Community Concepts' Volunteer Driver program, partnered with the local organization, Age-Friendly Bethel. All volunteer drivers go through an intense, three-day training program which includes receiving certification in first aid/CPR, background checks and vehicle inspections.

The program, which provides transportation for medical and non-medical trips to seniors ages 60 and over, was made possible largely due to a generous grant from the John T. Gorman foundation, Cressy said. The foundation, created by the grandson of the founder of L.L.Bean, "advances ideas and opportunities that can improve the lives of disadvantaged people in Maine."

"Through surveys and public meetings, we learned that transportation was a key issue to permit people like Caroline to stay in their homes for as long as possible," Cressy said. "It made sense for a remote, rural town like Bethel to take advantage of this."

Gould, who lives in Bethel, said the program not only helps her, but her whole family as well.

"My family all works, and they had to take days off of work just to take me to (my) appointments, and sometimes the appointments are an hour," Gould said. "They can't take all that time off work, so (we) called and I got stuck with this fellow." Gould gestured to Cressy and smiled.

Gould said Cressy showed up right on time, and that

someone from the program had called her that morning to let her know her ride would be there in 25 minutes.

"It's just so nice — I don't have to worry about gas or calling my daughter to let her know where I am, and she's delighted she doesn't have to take time off work," said Gould, who already has another ride scheduled for a medical appointment in February.

"The issue now is sustainability — how do we keep this program going?" said Cressy, who added that repeat grants are often hard to get.

The long-term plan for the program is a work-in-progress.



Caroline Gould of Bethel, left, and Al Cressy walk to Cressy's car together after Gould's medical appointment in Auburn, which Cressy drove her to and from.

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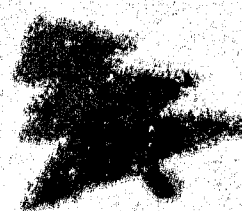
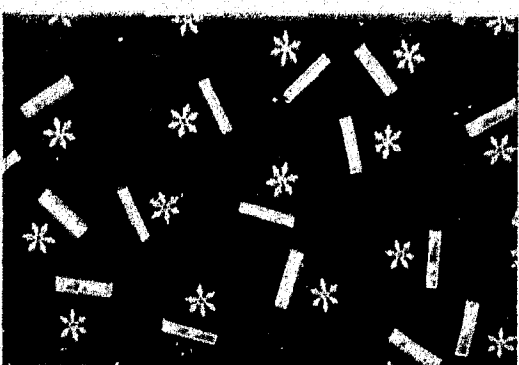
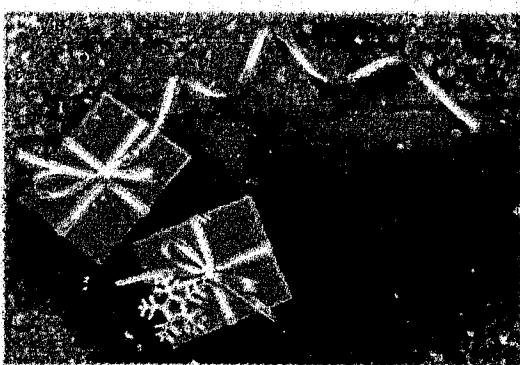
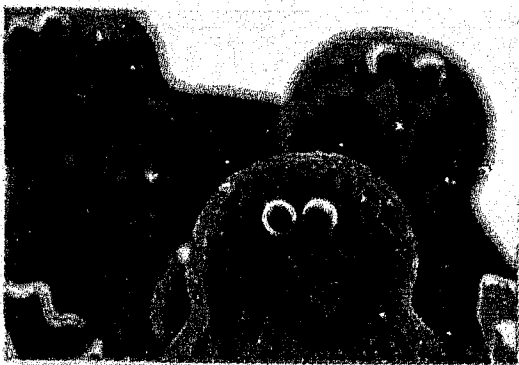
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Happening Around Town

Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble Concert

Thursday, December 8

The Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble will be performing at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 7:00pm. They will be performing works from Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The Chamber Ensemble is directed by Gould's Edison Quinotoa and coached by Thomas Mesa through the distance learning partnership between Gould and the Manhattan School of Music.

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Saturday, December 10

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Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides

Saturday, December 10

Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn from 1-3pm for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm and sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 11

A simple, ecumenical service of comfort, particularly for those who may be sad at Christmas. 2pm. West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.

Telstar High & Middle School Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 13

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Sleigh Rides at The Bethel Inn Resort

Saturday, December 17

Every half hour from 5-7:30pm, a trip along the beautiful trails behind The Bethel Inn Resort.

Fireworks at Sunday River

Saturday, December 17

From 8:30-10pm. Best Viewing is slopeside at South Ridge or The Foggy Goggle deck.

Christmas Cantata: Shout the Good News

Sunday, December 18

4pm at Locke Mills Union Church. "Shout the Good News," by Lloyd Larson. Performed by the community choir from area churches. Directed by Patricia Boyle-Wight.

Living Nativity on the Town Common

Sunday, December 18

5-8pm. One of Bethel's most beloved Christmas events. Watch as the nativity scene is re-enacted on the town common. Organized by the Bethel Alliance Church.

Pizza Fondue

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 10 oz. cans pizza sauce
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1½ tsp fennel seed
- 1½ tsp dried oregano
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 2½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 2 loaves French bread, sliced and toasted

Brown ground beef and onion in a skillet over medium heat and drain. Add remaining ingredients except bread and simmer until cheese melts. Serve hot with bread slices for dipping. Serves 6 to 8.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 3 cooked chicken breasts, diced
- 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
- 15 oz. jar blue cheese salad dressing
- 12 oz. bottle hot pepper sauce
- 12 oz. pkg shredded Cheddar cheese
- celery sticks
- tortilla chips

Combine chicken, cream cheese, salad dressing, and hot sauce. Spread in a lightly greased 3-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly and heated through, about 20 minutes. Serve with celery sticks and tortilla chips. Makes about 9 cups.

Ham & Swiss Rolls

- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 4 oz. Swiss cheese, grated
- 2 tbsp poppy seed
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 4 pkgs small dinner rolls
- 1 lb. shaved deli ham

Combine mustard, onion, butter, cheese, poppy seeds and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl. Using a serrated knife, slice an entire package of rolls in half, horizontally. Spread the bottom half with a quarter of the mustard mixture, top with a quarter pound of the ham and replace the top half. Repeat with remaining rolls to foil pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.

Honey Sesame Wings

- 3 lbs chicken wings
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups honey
- 1 cups soy sauce
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Garnish: sesame seeds

Place chicken wings on an ungreased broiler pan and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place pan 4 to 5 inches under broiler. Broil 10 minutes on each side or until chicken is golden. Transfer wings to a slow cooker. Combine remaining ingredients except for sesame seeds and pour over wings. Cover and cook on low setting for 4 to 5 hours, or high setting for 2 to 2½ hours. Arrange on a serving platter and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Makes about 2½ dozen.

Fruit Salsa with Cinnamon Chips

- 2 kiwis
- 2 Golden Delicious apples, cored, peeled, and diced
- ½ lb raspberries
- 16 oz. pkg strawberries, hulled and diced
- 2 cups plus 2 tbsp sugar, divided
- 1 tbsp brown sugar, packed
- 3 tbsp strawberry preserves
- 10 10-inch flour tortillas, sliced into wedges
- 1 to 2 tbsp cinnamon

Combine all fruit in a large bowl and mix in 2 tablespoons sugar, brown sugar, and strawberry preserves. Cover and chill for at least 15 minutes. Mix together remaining sugar and cinnamon. Arrange tortilla wedges on a baking sheet and coat with butter flavored cooking spray. Sprinkle with desired amount of cinnamon-sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Repeat with remaining tortilla wedges. Cool for 15 minutes. Serve chips with chilled fruit mixture. Makes 10 to 15 servings.

Creamy BLT Dip

- 1 lb bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- Optional: chopped fresh chives

Blend together bacon, mayonnaise, and sour cream and chill. Stir in tomatoes just before serving. Sprinkle with chives, if desired. Serve with bread or chips. Makes 2½ cups.

Family Favorite Party Mix

- 1 cup bite size crispy wheat cereal squares
- 1 cup bite size crispy rice cereal squares
- 1 cup bite size crispy corn cereal squares
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 cup pretzel sticks
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 cup candy coated chocolates
- 1 cup raisins

Combine cereals, nuts, and pretzels in a slow cooker. Mix together butter, sauce and salts and gently stir into cereal mixture. Cover and cook on low setting for 3 to 4 hours. Uncover and cook on low setting for an additional 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain on paper towel-lined baking sheets. Transfer to a large bowl. Cool. Add chocolates and raisins. Toss to mix. Store in an airtight container. Makes 7 cups.

White Chocolate Butterscotch Pretzels

- 1 lb white melting chocolate
- 15 oz. pkg mini pretzels
- ½ cup butterscotch chips

Break up white chocolate into about 6 pieces and place in a microwave safe dish. Microwave on high for 1½ to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until melted and smooth. Dip pretzels into the chocolate and lay on wax paper to dry. Melt butterscotch chips in the microwave repeating instructions for the chocolate. Spoon melted butterscotch into a plastic zippling bag, and snip off a corner. Drizzle butterscotch over pretzels. Let pretzels set for a few hours or overnight if packing into gift bags. Makes about 2 pounds.

Maple Popcorn Balls

- 24 cups popped popcorn
- 2 cups golden raisins
- 2 cups chopped nuts
- ¾ cup apple juice
- ½ cup butter, sliced
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 cups sugar

Combine popcorn, raisins, and nuts in a large bowl. Mix remaining ingredients in a large heavy saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. If mixture tries to rise above pan, lower heat. Watch closely, as temperature will rise very quickly toward the end. Stop stirring just before mixture reaches hard-crack stage, or 290 to 310 degrees on a candy thermometer. Immediately remove from heat and pour over popcorn mixture. Stir to coat. Working quickly with buttered hands, form into tennis ball sized balls. Cool. Wrap in cellophane. Makes about a dozen.

Hot Caramel Apple Cider

- ½ gallon apple cider
- ½ cup brown sugar, packed
- 1½ tsp cider vinegar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4-inch cinnamon stick
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 orange, sliced
- Optional: ½ cup apple jack liqueur
- Garnish: ½ cup caramel ice cream topping

Combine all ingredients except topping in a slow cooker and cover. Cook on low setting for 5 to 6 hours. Strain. Discard spices and orange. Serve in mugs, drizzling a teaspoonful of topping into each mug. Serves 16.

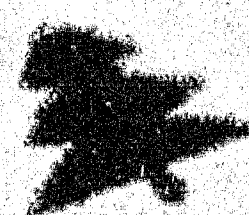
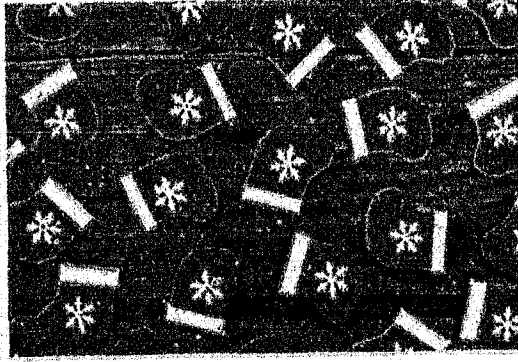
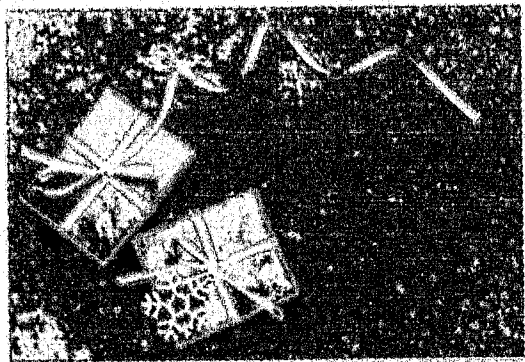
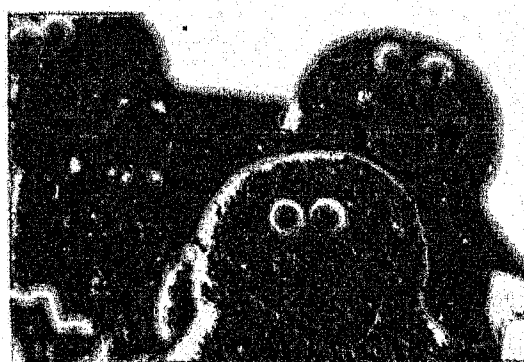


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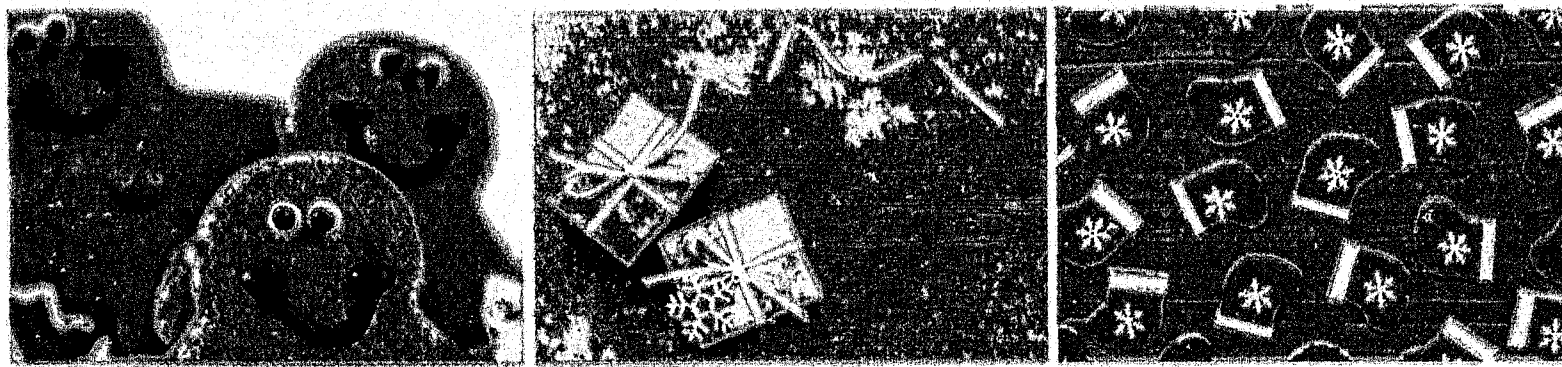
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Cancer Resource Center seeks wellness providers

Thanks to an anonymous donation, The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, will expand its wellness offerings for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers starting in January.

When practiced in addition to medical treatment, research has shown that programs such as yoga, massage, and Reiki all contributed to decreased stress and anxiety, improved mood, and enhanced patients' perception of overall health and quality of life.

Many cancer patients and survivors use ancient mind-body practices and other complementary therapies to help manage the emotional and psychological side effects that often result from cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The American Cancer Society recommends cancer survivors get at least 150 minutes of exercise each week, including some strength training. As always,

checking in with your doctor is recommended before starting a new activity.

The Wellness Provider Program is seeking qualified practitioners in Reiki, Massage and Yoga therapy to complete an application to provide their services to clients of the Center.

Anyone interested in applying to be a Wellness Provider for the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine may download an application from the website www.crcowm.org or stop by the center any Thursday or Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information call 890-7063. People who have questions about participating in this program may call Sherri at 890-7063.

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine is located at 199 Main St., Norway in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building.

Age Friendly Community news

Happy Holiday Season! Celebrate with some festive activities in our community:

On Thursday, Dec. 8 there will be a concert featuring the Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble, with works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla and Tchaikovsky. The concert, free and open to the public, is at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bethel.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 (noon at the Locke Mills Legion Hall in Greenwood) is the Rotary Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon, free to area seniors. Share in fellowship, and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixin's.

And later that day is the Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert, also free and open to the public. From 7-9 p.m. in the Telstar High School Auditorium, watch and listen to the Middle and High School bands and choruses perform.

Want to walk, safely and comfortably, during the winter months? A new pro-

gram for seniors, sponsored by the AFCL, Gould Academy, and the Bethel Recreation Committee, is well underway, with six seniors involved last Thursday. Today (Dec. 8) is the end of the introductory period, with a holiday break until Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:30-2:30. Walking in Gould Academy's Bingham Gym is at your own pace (with gym-type shoes), and there are exercise tips and instruction if you're interested.

As you may know, the future of Medicare and Social Security is an issue of prime importance to the AARP. To learn more about their positions and how you can serve in an advocacy role: <http://www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2016/where-aarp-stands-on-medicare-social-security.html?intcmp=AE-HP-DPL>.

FMI on any of the above: nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110.

Ex-ASC exec writes ski-resort business memoir

"You can't make this stuff up."

Chris Diamond heard that refrain regularly during his 44-year career in the ski-resort industry, when he guided major ski resorts from Vermont to Colorado and was intimately involved in the most significant issues shaping the sport. So when he finally retired from his position as the president and COO of the Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. in 2015, he decided to write it all down, according to a press release.

"Ski Inc." is unlike any book ever published on skiing, providing a candid and colorful behind-the-scenes view of what it takes to manage a successful resort in a constantly changing resort industry, the release said.

"This is a page-turner for anyone who works in skiing—or has a passion for the sport," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association.

A must-read for anyone who wonders if there is money to be made in the business," said Steve Reinemund, who is the retired chairman and CEO of PepsiCo and the former Dean of Business at Wake Forest University.

Armed with English degrees from Middlebury College and the University of Massachusetts, and fresh off a tour as a lieutenant in the Vietnam War, the author did not set out to build a career in the ski business, according to the release. But in 1972, he wound up at Killington Ski Area, where he came under the wing of resort founder and visionary Preston Leete Smith and legendary marketer Foster T. Chandler. Killington at the time was setting the pace in everything from snowmaking to recruiting new skiers, and Diamond was a quick learner.

What followed was his

total immersion in the resort industry, a business that evolved from simply getting skiers up the mountain into a multifaceted, vertically integrated service industry. He witnessed the seminal moments in resort ownership as it evolved from single-area entrepreneurs to conglomerates, including the implosion of the American Skiing Company and the downsizing of Intrawest during the 2008 Great Recession, the release said.

Diamond isn't shy in pointing out mistakes made along the way, including his own. "Ski Inc." is an entertaining ride for anyone who works in skiing, wants to work in the industry, or is just passionate about the sport.

The book went on sale Dec. 1, available at skidiamondconsulting.com or from select mountain town booksellers.

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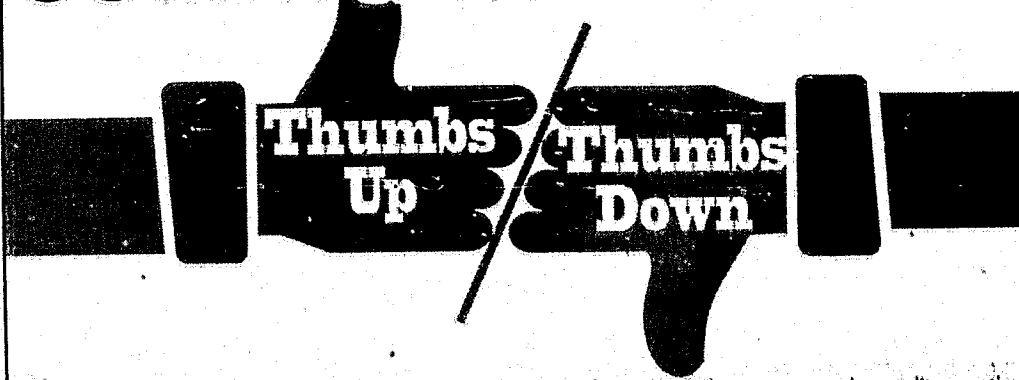
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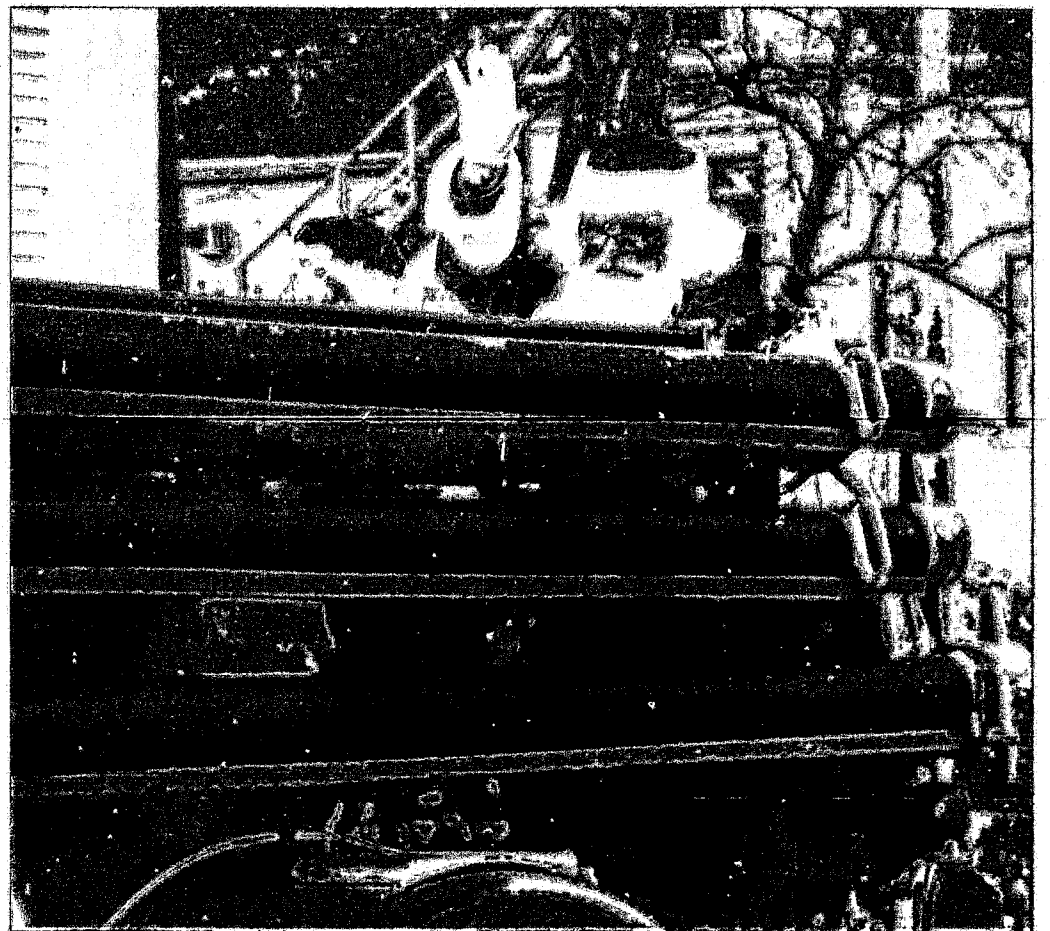
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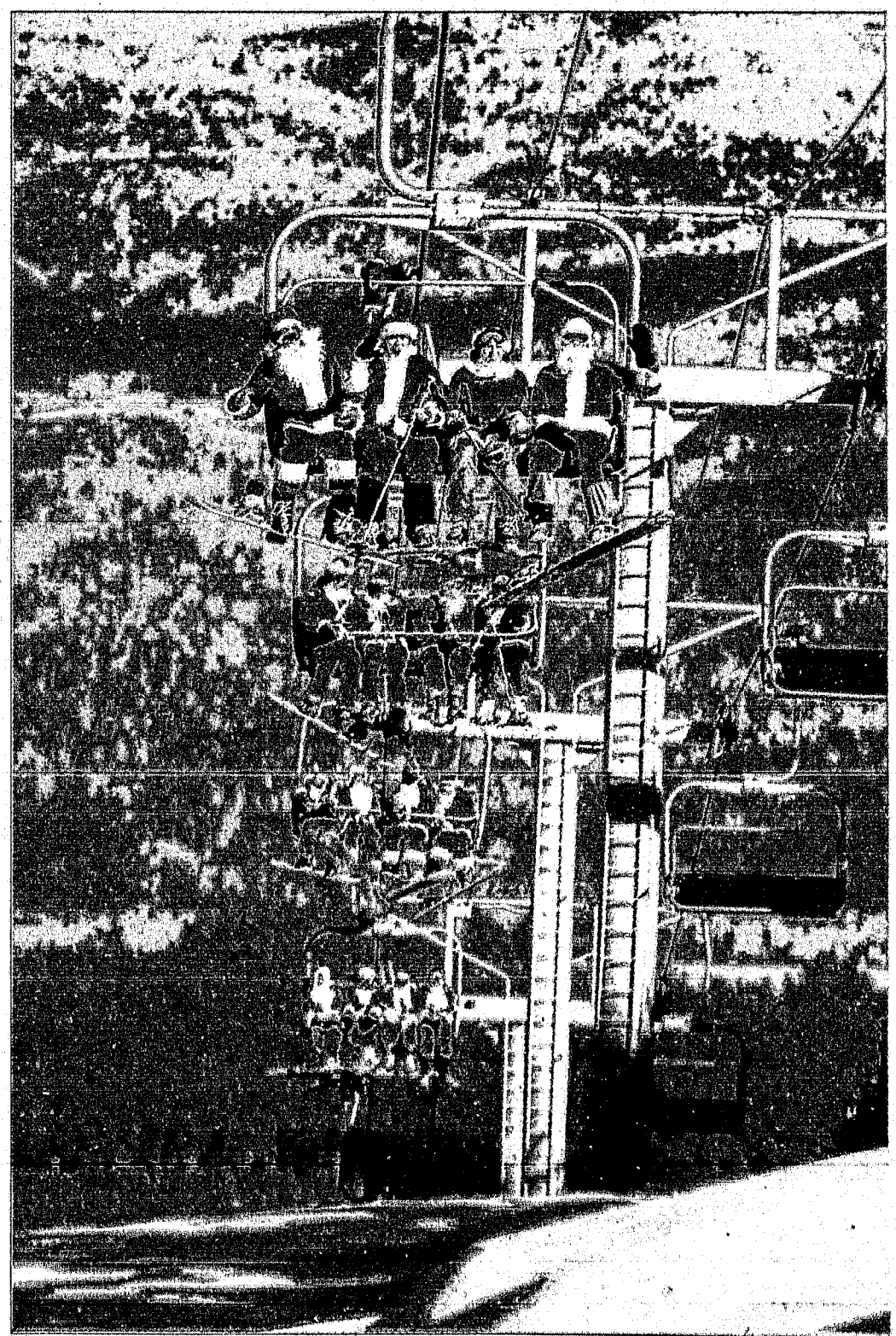
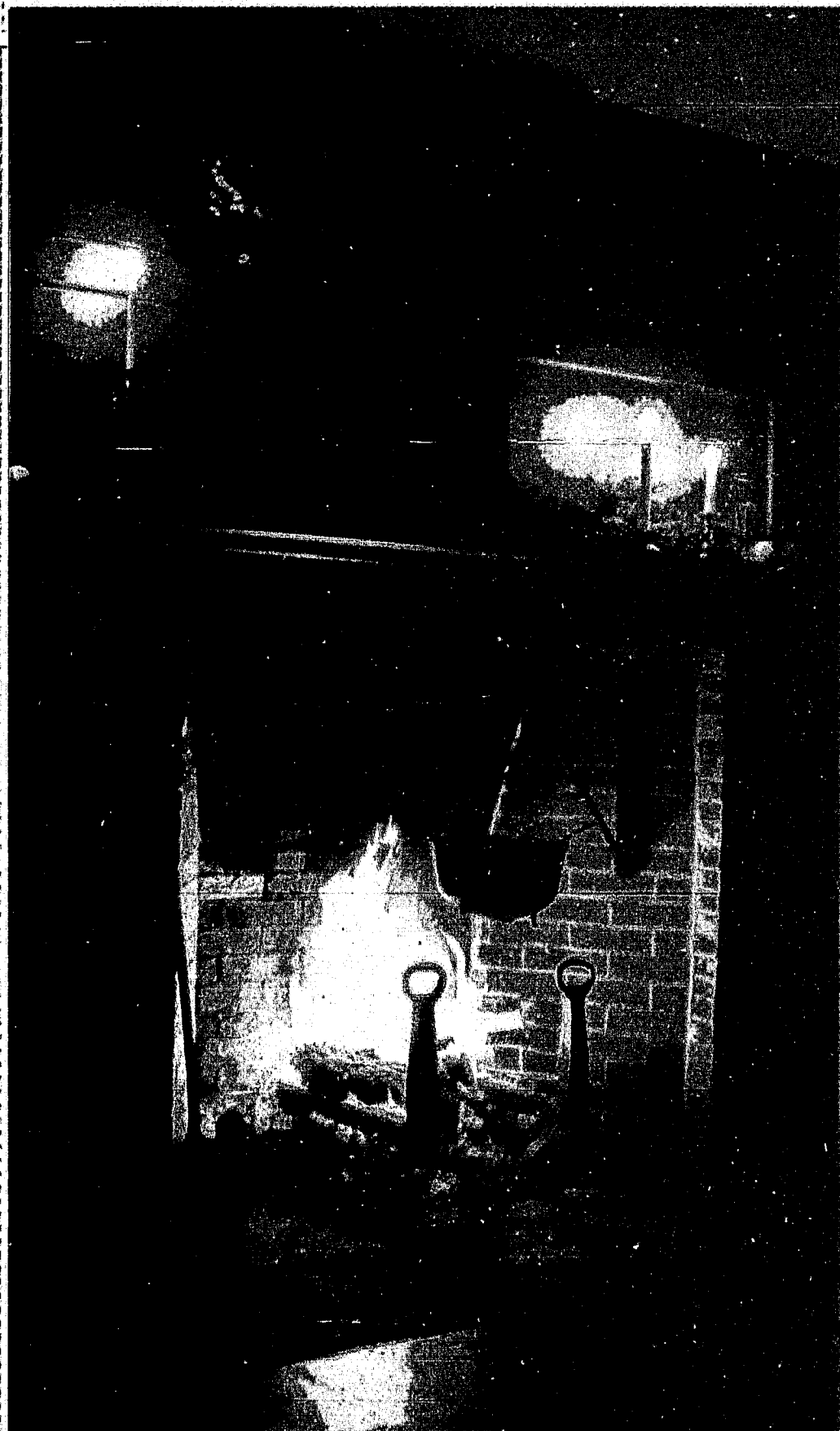
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Christmas season underway in Bethel



A variety of traditional events in Bethel ushered in the Christmas season for the first weekend in December. On Saturday, the annual Christmas Fair & Tea drew a good crowd at the West Parish Congregational Church. Above, Bruce Pierce of Newry serves himself some goodies after being served a cup of tea. Right (from top) Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in Bethel via fire truck, riding up Main Street as part of the Light Up Main Street/Jingle Bell Run. Dozens of people donned bells and sang Christmas songs, led by Don Katlin and Jewel Clark, as they walked up toward the Bethel Common. Once there, children and adults flocked around the Clauses as they handed out candy canes. Bottom right, dozens of Santas took to the slopes at Sunday River for the annual Santa Sunday charitable fundraiser. Below, Don Christie arranged for Tamara Poddubnaya and three of her students — Mark Demidovich, Ilya Ishchenko, and Vasily Panteleev — to travel from New York to Bethel Saturday and present a Music Without Borders Encore Recital as their holiday gift to Bethel. Bottom, the fireplace and candles at the Dr. Moses Mason House glow for the Christmas with the Masons event, hosted by the Bethel Historical Society.

(Santa Sunday - Sunday River Resort; MWB, L. Kullik; others, A. Aloisio)



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why did Rudolph do so well in school?

- BINDERS
- CALCULATOR
- CARDS
- CASE
- CRAYONS
- ERASERS
- FOLDERS
- GLUE
- NOTEBOOKS
- PAPER
- PASTE
- PENCILS
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- TAPE
- TISSUES

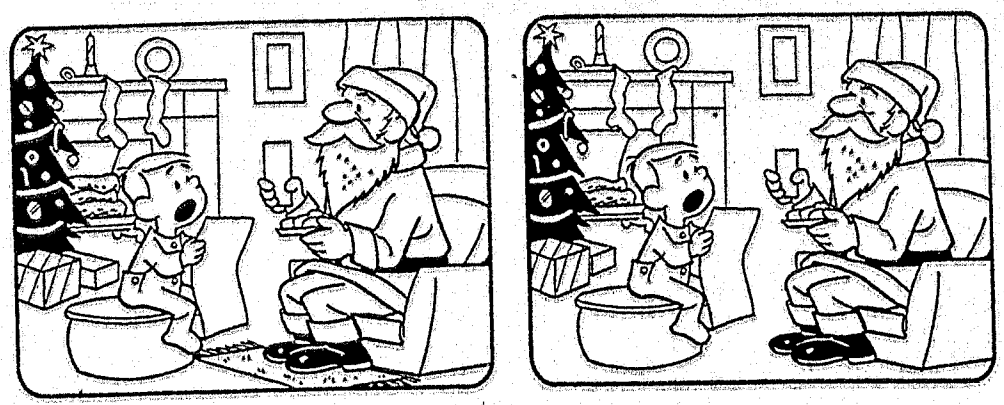
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B P T S T O R C I T
N O T E B O O K S T
R U L E R A S E R S

Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- 1. Log is missing.
- 2. Box is smaller.
- 3. Stocking is reversed.
- 4. Glass is smaller.
- 5. Rug is missing.
- 6. Sleeve cuff is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: P equals E

JGPE CVM ZPP DEKLC HNZZ ZWVJX

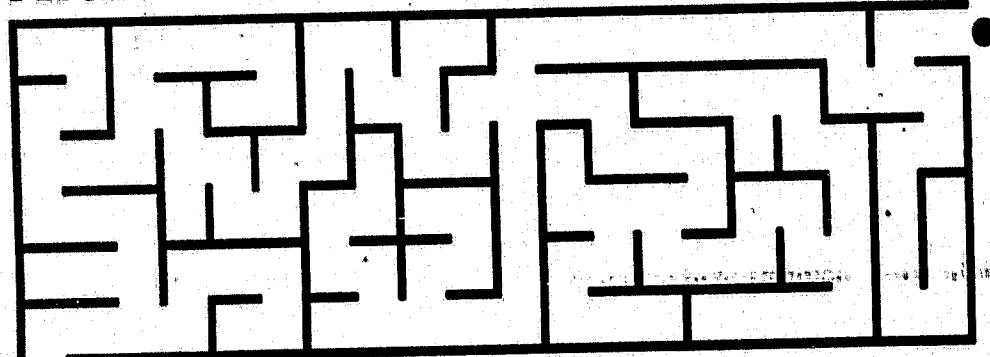
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Kids' Maze

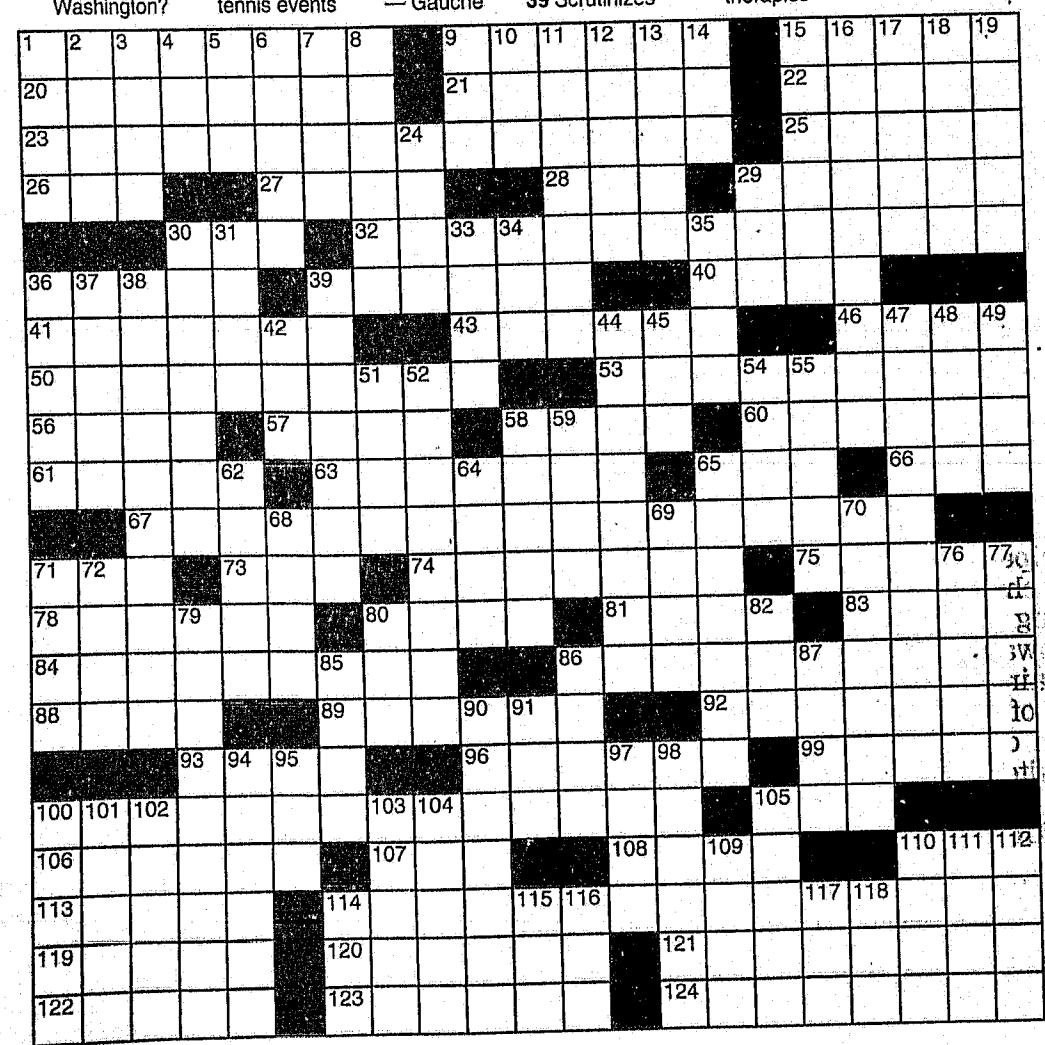


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Super Crossword

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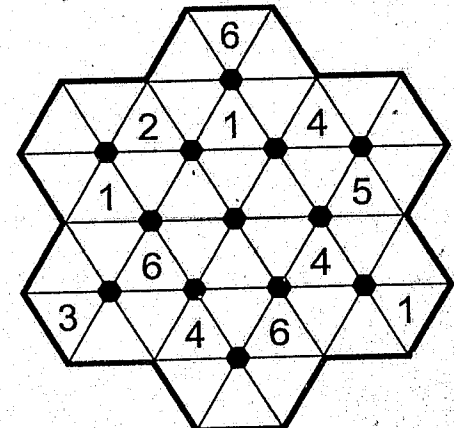
- ACROSS**
- 1 Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - 9 Super deals
 - 15 Stage back-drop
 - 20 Alred in installments
 - 21 Martial arts instructor
 - 22 City near Dallas
 - 23 Focus applied when covering a surface with concrete?
 - 25 Syx selling
 - 26 Ill, to Italians
 - 27 Jal —
 - 28 Solo in sci-fi
 - 29 Hunker for
 - 30 Prefix for tax or charge
 - 32 College between two hills?
 - 36 Suggest
 - 39 Puts forward as fact
 - 40 Bakery decorator
 - 41 Try to be like
 - 43 "Pinball Wizard" band
 - 46 Shrek is one
 - 50 Great review from the wife of George Washington?
- DOWN**
- 53 Scandi-navian king's lubricant?
 - 56 Certain iPad
 - 57 German coin
 - 58 Harvest yield
 - 60 Crooner Vic
 - 61 Tailor, e.g.
 - 63 Cut, as a 58-Across
 - 65 Hitler Gehrig
 - 66 Cause trouble to
 - 67 Question to an animal doc at an amusement park?
 - 71 Star, e.g.
 - 73 "Ilmatic" rapper
 - 74 Drop-leaf table supporter
 - 75 Chief city of the Ruhr
 - 78 Butlers
 - 80 Ruby and scarlet
 - 81 See 31-Down
 - 83 Crooner Perry
 - 84 Caesar's hail to a mariner?
 - 86 Buck that's tolling away?
 - 88 Enumeration from the wife of George Washington?
 - 92 Grand Slam tennis events
 - 93 Completely engrossed
 - 96 President before Bush
 - 99 — lance (pit viper variety)
 - 100 Seamstress who was Adam's mate?
 - 105 Downed
 - 106 Italian cry at a dinner table
 - 107 Canon — (camera line)
 - 108 Caspian Sea (leader)
 - 110 "Attack, multi!"
 - 113 Not as young
 - 114 Tennis great Rod who keeps every-one safe?
 - 119 Pixar figures
 - 120 "In this way"
 - 121 1970s-90s carrier to Lima
 - 122 Collagist Max
 - 123 Positive responses
 - 124 Eased up on
 - 1 Month after Aug.
 - 2 On — with (equal to)
 - 3 Paris' — Gauche
 - 4 — already said ...
 - 5 Actor Volght
 - 6 First name of Pos
 - 7 Perfumery bottle
 - 8 6x9-inch book size
 - 9 One-eighty from NNW
 - 10 "X" amount
 - 11 Psych up
 - 12 Like a Thai
 - 13 Tea on TV
 - 14 Moral error
 - 15 Ball
 - 16 School unit
 - 17 Arm bones
 - 18 Nonreactive
 - 19 Amble along
 - 24 Aunts, in Baja
 - 29 Month after Nov.
 - 30 More briny
 - 31 With 81-Across, Bee-hive State NCAA team
 - 33 Lo-fat
 - 34 Suffix of ordinals
 - 35 Cello forerunner
 - 36 "Byzantium" actress Arterton
 - 37 AOL letter (equal to)
 - 38 Hip-hop DJ's equipment
 - 39 Scrutinizes
 - 42 — kwon do (martial art)
 - 44 Carpenter's adhesive
 - 45 Clued in
 - 47 Is a little too proud of
 - 48 Queen in a sari
 - 49 Stunt master
 - 51 Boot part
 - 52 Sailors, say
 - 54 Take too much of, for short
 - 55 Member of an early-1900s art movement
 - 58 Debt memos
 - 59 Director Clair
 - 62 "— Cop" (1988 film)
 - 64 Commercial on the tube
 - 65 Olympic sled course
 - 68 "How — to know?"
 - 69 Celebration
 - 70 Jailbreaker
 - 71 Indy path
 - 72 Shankar on the sitar
 - 76 Edit, as text
 - 77 Scandi-navian
 - 79 Hormones in some replacement therapies
 - 80 Harry Potter pal Weasley
 - 82 Draft inits.
 - 85 Its cap, is Vilnius
 - 86 Kaput
 - 87 Toss high up
 - 90 Brother of Iphigenia
 - 91 Director Ang
 - 94 Something novel
 - 95 Sch. org.
 - 97 Supply that's too abundant
 - 98 Operating skyward
 - 100 Theatricalize
 - 101 Courage
 - 102 Finish with
 - 103 Weird
 - 104 Out-of-the-way corners
 - 105 Bygone Olds
 - 109 Bygone Chevy
 - 110 Swedish film shooter
 - 111 French noun suffix
 - 112 Gunky stuff
 - 114 Use skillfully
 - 115 Ending for Brooklyn
 - 116 Abbr. in trig.
 - 117 Part of L.A.
 - 118 Lemur cousin



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

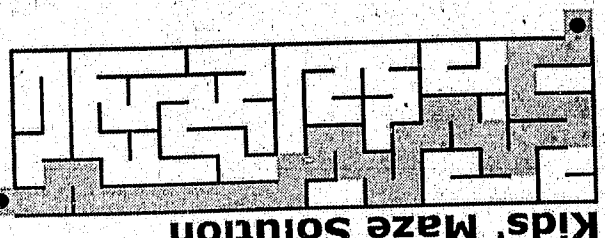
by Linda Thistle

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	9		3	6	
4	7				5
	3	2	8		6
6		9	5		
5		4		1	
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	4	3			8
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

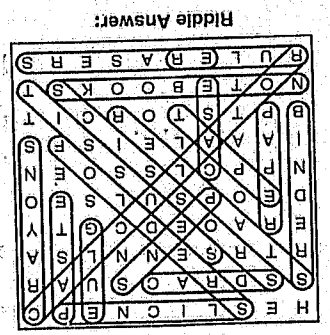
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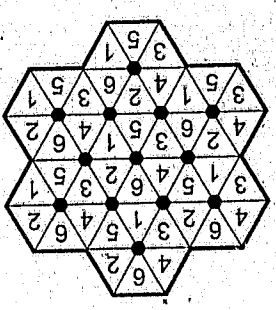


Kids' Maze Solution

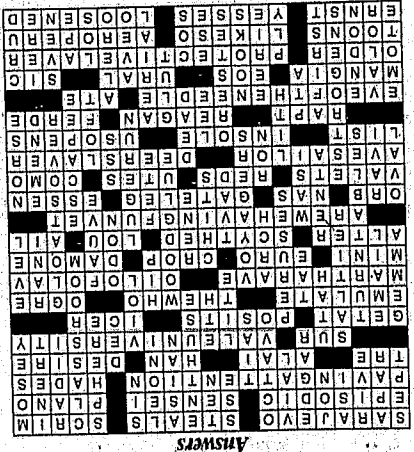
SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Prudent 2. Askew 3. Usher 4. Appear
When you see angry fish scowl might exclaim, "If fox could kill!"
CryptoQuip
Answer: Hocus Focus
Riddle Answer: He used his unused letters.



Answer
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solution
(SNOWFLAKES)



Super Crossword

Answers

1	3	5	6	8	2	9	7	4
2	7	6	5	4	3	8	1	9
3	8	1	9	7	4	6	5	2
4	6	2	1	7	5	3	8	9
5	9	4	3	8	2	1	7	6
6	2	7	1	9	4	6	5	3
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ANSWERS:

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Sports

TMS Varsity Girls' Basketball

Dirigo 29, Telstar 22; Nov. 30-Telstar opened its season with a 29-22 loss to Dirigo at Telstar. The Rebels were down by one after three quarters but got outscored 11 to 5 in the final frame. Lydia Bennett led the Rebels with 13 points, followed by Madeline Hallett with 3; Bella DeVivo, Ella Kellogg and Brooklyn Kimball with 2 each. Coach Dave Berry

TMS J.V. Girls' Basketball

Dirigo 30, Telstar 16; Nov. 30-Telstar's Kaitlyn Buck, Odessa Files, and Ryleigh Richard scored 4 points each while Nicole Cox and J-Lyn Roy scored 2 each. The team played solid defense for the first half of the game, but a very aggressive Dirigo team pulled away in the second half. For some of these girls, this was the first game of their young basketball career and should be very proud of their performance. Coach Jim Cobb

Gould Varsity Boys' Basketball

Gould 86, Master's 81; Dec. 3-Gould competed against NEPSAC AA opponent Master's School on Saturday at the Zero Gravity Prep Classic. The crowd included numerous college coaches interested in getting eyes on the Huskies and Lions Pride. The Pride jumped on the Huskies with quick card play and an uptempo pace of play. MJ Richardson was perfect to start the half, knocking down three shots from deep, and putting the Pride up by double digits. Calm came over the Gould team out of the time out, with a refocus of defending perimeter shoot-

ing and driving to the lane. Jahbril Price-Noel '18 and Skyler Nash '17 led the visiting squad with a punishing inside out attack on offense. Intense defensive stands by D'Andre Johnson '17 and Brendan Hyde '18 kept the smaller Master's School guards off the glass and out of the paint. George Papas '17 racked up points for Gould by hitting open 3's and driving to the lane and drawing fouls. He finished the game with 23 points, 12 of which came from downtown. Price-Noel finished with a game high 27 points while Nash added 13 points. Gould roared out to a double digit lead and turned the tide in their favor through the second half. The Pride did not go away quietly getting the score to within 2 points with under 4 minutes to go. Late free throws from Papas kept the lead in Gould's favor and pushed the Huskies record to 2-0.

Cheshire 91, Gould 72; Dec. 4-Cheshire jumped out early on Gould to a double digit lead in the first half. Nearing the end of the half Gould battled back and dug themselves out of the hole from the relentless drives to the basket from guard Skyler Nash '17. His 18 points allowed the Huskies to climb back into the contest with the Cats. George Papas '17 took his game inside and outside for a dominant 18 points and 14 rebounds which led to easy field goals for teammate Jahbril Price-Noel '18.

Mt. Valley Rec basketball

The 2016-2017 season for Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League got underway Dec 4 with eight entries, up from seven the last few years. In a 14-game regular season and a single elimination playoff format, Laid Back Installers, 2015-2016 champion will defend their title

against a competitive field. Rodney Canwell's crew will feature its usual format of players.

Archies, Inc. last year's runner up, has enhanced its team. Brett Archibault and company will try to contend for an elusive title. Hotel Runford has re-entered the mix, led by JT Taylor and including some the former Ranor, Inc. team who were dominant in the past. M and M Carpentry, led by Spencer Glover, is back, along with Bethel and its captain Ryan Kimball. Each of these groups are physical and look to overpower opponents. The Crew and captain Kurt Varney have recruited some front court help and seem to pose a significant threat. Chapter 11 Furniture has entered the league this year, with players familiar with the league and the annual invitational tournament. They are directed by long time player Joe Gaudreau. Rounding out the mix is Jay, who has added a few new players and hopes to be competitive, with Levi Armandi directing the outfit.

This past weekend, LBI showed they are still the team to be reckoned with, beating Archies, 86-58. Jon Benjamin led the winners with 29 points, Brandon Johnson added 24 and Owen Jones 20. Archies got 19 from Cody St Germair and 12 from brother Nick. In a dog fight, M and M Carpentry out-muscled Bethel 61-43. M and M was led by Wayne Campbell with 14 points and Matt Zetts with 13. Ryan Kimball was top scorer for Bethel with 14 while Ryan Savage added 10. The Crew bested Chapter 11 in a shoot out, 105-104, with big man newcomer, 6'11" Kyle Robbins scorching the nets for 48 points, Deion Cheers adding 19 and Fred Diligent 15. Chapter 11 got 39 and 32 a piece from Jeff Manchester and Joe Gaudreau, while Tim Turner added 17.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 8

Gould Academy Chamber Ensemble; Performance at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel at 7 p.m. They will be performing works by Vivaldi, Piazzolla, and Tchaikovsky. The instrumentation includes four violins, two cellos, three flutes, and piano. There will also be two solo piano performances of Liszt and Beethoven as well as a piano and violin duet performing a work by John Williams. This concert is free and open to the public and seating is general admission. Please join us for an evening of delightful classical music.

Christmas Sing-a-long; The Oxford Hills Ukulele group, along with Jim Burke on the keyboard, back by popular demand, will be at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond at 2 p.m. The program is open to the public at no charge. Holiday refreshments will be served. Come and join the fun.

Friday, Dec. 9

Christmas Sale; Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris, 9 a.m.-noon. All proceeds go to Activity Dept. Donations are gratefully accepted.

West Paris Library 90th Anniversary; in conjunction with the annual "Let Your Light Shine" celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

LRCC Winter Concerts; 3 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Greenwood Farmers' Market; Open on Friday 4-6 p.m. A raffle for goods donated by the vendors will continue with the drawing taking place at 6 p.m. The GFM accepts SNAP/food stamps. We are a year round market and set up every other Friday, coinciding with the Boondocks Buying Club food distribution.

Alder River Grange; Regular and Christmas meeting. Supper 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. at the home of Stan Howe on Broad Street in Bethel. Please bring donations (food or money) for the Bethel Food Pantry.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church Ladies Day Out; trip to Community Theater in Auburn to see "A Christmas Carol." Bus leaves at 12:30 p.m.

Swingin' Bears Teddy Bear Dance; 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at the Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria, Route 26, S. Paris. Refreshments will be served at intermission. Door Prizes. 50/50 drawing. Admission \$7 per dancer. Non-dancers are welcome at no charge.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club meeting; Annual Pot Luck Holiday Party, 1 p.m. at the Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Rd, South Paris. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. OHHBC will supply ham and presents from Santa. Election of 2017 club officers will take place. FMI contact Chris at cpeaston@megalink.net or visit us at mainehoneybees.com.

Dance; 7 to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$5.

LuLaRoe Party; held in the dining room at the Bethel United Methodist Church located at 79 Main St. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; At the Woodstock Town Office complex at 1 p.m. with a potluck lunch prior to the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Art@57 MAINE One Year Celebration; Opening reception for "Honey, I'm Home!" featuring the work of Kimberly Crichton. In the teaching space: Free jewelry making session from 10-12. Rug Hooking demos and Fibers Circle from 1-4. "Like" our FB page "57MaineArts" or follow us Instagram "artat57maine" from December 1-10, for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate.

Sunday, Dec. 11

LRCC Winter Concerts; 7 p.m. at the Twitchell Chapel at the Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton. The program offers a great variety of musical styles from the classical to popular and everything in between.

Witt's End Five Mile Trail Run; 10 a.m. A five-mile walk/run on the newly completed 2.5-mile mountain bike/hiking trail that meanders around Witt Swamp between Crockett Ridge and Pleasant Street. The trail tread is machined and the terrain is gentle. \$10 entry fee will go towards the trails. \$10 pre-registration at runsignup.com. \$15 onsite registration will open at 9 a.m. Participants may run or walk. Freshly baked pies and cookies will be the prizes for top three male and female adults and top three male and female under 16.

Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service; At the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street Bethel at 2 p.m. This is a service for people who find the season difficult. All are welcome.

Art@57 MAINE One Year Celebration; "Honey, I'm Home!" featuring the work of Kimberly Crichton. In the teaching space: Free jewelry making session from 1 to 3 p.m. Gift certificate drawing on at 4.

Monday, Dec. 12

Bethel selectmen's meeting; 6 p.m. at Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board meeting; 6:30 p.m. at CPS.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Rotary Annual Holiday Senior Luncheon; at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, noon. Share in fellowship and feast on a ham dinner with all the fixins.

Telstar High/Middle School Winter Concert; Telstar's Music Department invites you to their 19th Annual Winter Concert beginning at 7 p.m. in the Helen Berry Auditorium at Telstar High School. Come welcome in the Holiday Season with the vocalists and instrumentalists from the High School and Middle School performing groups! Admission is free, and donations are always welcome. Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Club; Meeting and dinner at the Sudbury at 11 a.m. Reservations must be before Dec. 1.

Business After Hours at The Gem; Chamber members, employees and families, please join us for festive food and a free drink, tour our new co-working space. 5-7 p.m.

Sing Street (PG-13) movie screening; 6:30 p.m. at The Gem. Join us for a nostalgic and sweet film about 1980s teenagers creating a band to impress a girl. Great music! All proceeds going towards our fundraising campaign to upgrade a third theater to digital! \$5-10 suggested donation.

Thursday, Dec. 15

CPS Holiday concert; Grades 3, 4, & 5, band and chorus, 6 p.m. Snow date Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

Poetry lovers gathering; Poets and poetry lovers meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Rumford Public Library. Light refreshments, then readings of poems old and new and lively talk. Come, bring a friend, bring a poem. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Norway Memorial Library Cookie and Book Swap Program; Cookie and book swap from 6:30-8 p.m. Participants will bring two dozen of their favorite holiday cookies to exchange. Those attending will find new recipes to add to their list of favorite cookies, and a chance to relax and socialize at the library during the busy holiday season. Also, attendees will swap gently used books. Remember to bring a container to take home your cookies and bring a copy of your recipe. To register, call the information desk at 743-5309 ext.1 or visit the library's website at www.norway.lib.me.us.

Friday, Dec. 16

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course; West Parish Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. This course focuses on recognizing and responding to mental health challenges in adolescents/teens. Free to participants with a \$5. lunch fee. For

more information and to register for any of these courses, go to <http://www.namimaine.org/events> or call NAMI Maine; 800-464-5767 ext. 2320. For local information, you may call NAMI Western Mountains affiliate leader Dottie Adams, 364-2197.

Give Peace a Dance; Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium 7 p.m. \$5 advanced tickets may be purchased at Books N Things in Norway and at the studios during operating hours. Admission at the door is \$7. Doors open at 6:30. Over 50 students and their teachers will be performing jazz, modern, ballet, tap, improvisation and world dance. For more information contact debi@artmovesdance.com or call Sasha at 207-890-0514. Snow date is Dec. 21.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Free Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel Village. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Check it Out; Christmas Tree Lighting at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills on Dec. 17. Lights are available in memory or honor of your loved ones at \$3 per light. Please contact Jamie Hastings at 890-2812 or Susan Vacca (mainewabbits@gmail.com) or mail your donation and list to American Legion Auxiliary, P. O. Box 178, Greenwood, ME 04255 before Dec. 10.

Dance; 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring the Jones Band at the Buckfield Masonic Hall (playing old fashioned music.) Adults \$5.

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Sunday, Dec. 18

Greenwood Fiddle Jam; 1-4 p.m. Slow jam from 1-2 p.m. Acoustic instruments welcome to play Scott, Irish, contra dance, Québécois tunes. See the Greenwood Fiddle Jam page on Facebook for more info.

Annual Christmas Cantata; "Shout the Good News," by LLOYD Larson, at Locke Mills Union Church by a Community Choir and instrumentalists. 4 p.m. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome. Collection basket for donations for music and refreshments.

Living Nativity; 5 p.m. Living Nativity on the Bethel Common. The retelling of the Nativity Story featuring people from the community. All welcome!

Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine Monthly Meeting; 2 p.m. at 8 Maple St., West Paris. Following our short business meeting, we will be enjoying a performance by the Oxford Hills Ukelele Group. As always, the program is open to the public and will feature a delicious coffee table.

Monday, Dec. 19

CPS Holiday concert; Grades K, 1 & 2, 6 p.m. Snow date: Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service; 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 34 Buckfield Road, South Paris. The weeks leading up to Christmas are filled with joy and celebration, but not everyone feels like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Those in recovery often find it a challenge to stay sober. Even those not struggling may find patience wearing thin with the stress of preparations and expectations around the season. This service provides a time and place of quiet solace and peace on the longest night of the year, and a reminder that the light does return. Please join us for a time of prayer, reflection, music and healing. All welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5 p.m. First Universalist Church of West Paris. Readings, carols and a sing-along. In lieu of an offering, we are asking for non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry, or you can make a cash donation for the food pantry.

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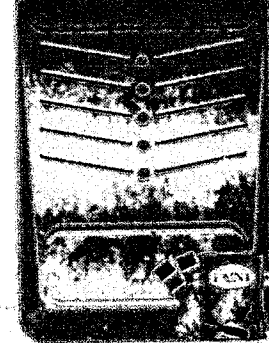
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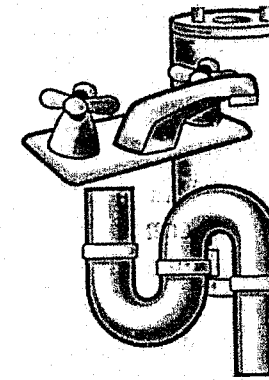
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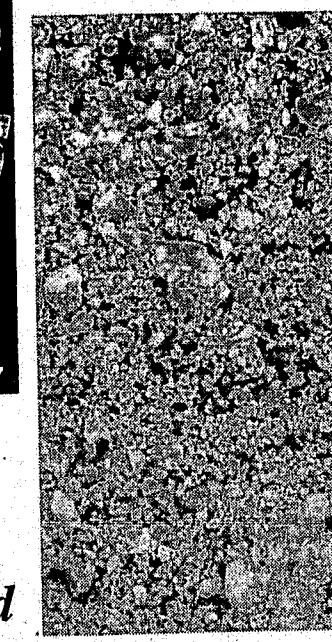
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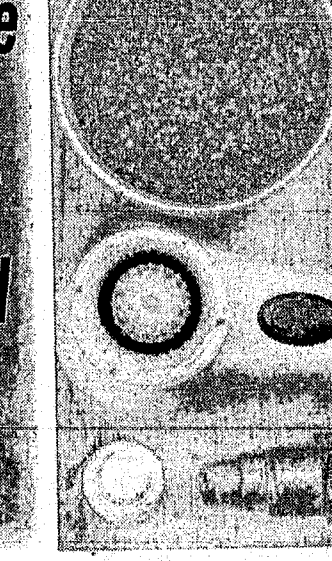
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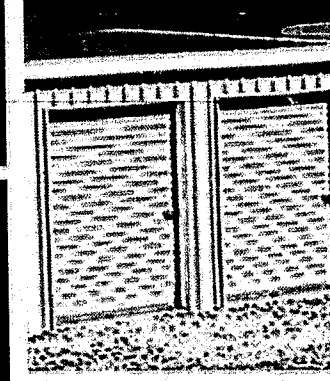
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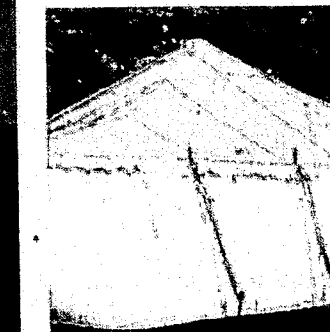
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Telstar Middle School update

This week's TMS installment will report on the 7th grade team's core classes:

7th Grade Science: Mr. Dow reports that in Science class students just finished their unit on cells which included a Cell Evidence Lab. Using this and other evidence, students explored the fact that cells make up tissues, tissues make up organs and organs make up organ systems in living things. They have now started a unit on photosynthesis with a lab that shows the release of oxygen from underwater plants. They have also started discussing Science Fair Projects and as always, students are encouraged to make observations and ask questions!

Math: Mrs Reynolds reports that in math students are completing their unit on integers and beginning to work with rational numbers. They will be celebrating their learning by working in teams and creating snow people. In order to add features to their snow people each team will have to work together and solve a set of problems. After checking their work, and getting the OK, they will be allowed to proceed to the next stage. There are prizes for - the first teams to finish, the most creative, the most unusual, and the most fun snow person. The seventh graders studying eighth grade math are working in a Geometry Unit. To practice remembering the formula for the circumference of a circle students created fortune catchers. Some of the fortune catchers gave the radius and others the diameter.

ELA: Mr. Lilly reports that her students are excited to write to their new pen pals at C.P.S. They are polishing their writing skills as they communicate with younger students in the district. They had a refresher on addressing envelopes and writing a friendly letter. Their grandparents received a letter in cursive last week!

Social Studies: Mr. Cobb reports that in Social Stud-

ies, the students recently completed a unit by presenting major projects about South and Central American countries. The students investigated population, governments, industry, and geography about the country they were assigned then shared their findings with their classmates. With the start of the new Trimester, we are forging into Maine History. The students will start by discovering how Maine's geography was formed and how it has changed through the years. They will also discover how the indigenous people of Maine arrived and survived here.

After School Activities:

Winter Sports: Check out the website for updates on Basketball, and Alpine and Nordic Skiing.

MKA daily M-Th. after school until 4 p.m. Check out the website for a schedule of their activities. They are already underway in their fall programs which include cooking, Lego League, Got Farms and creating display projects to be shown at the local county fairs.

After School Academy (ASA): After school on Tuesdays until 4 p.m. This is a time for homework to get done, for students who have missed school or have fallen behind to make up assignments, and for students who can not take their laptops home to use this time to get work done.

Late busses run Monday- Friday, at 5:15.

Announcements:

In RAP classes, each grade level chose different recognition activities to highlight awareness around issues dealing with alcohol abuse. Additionally, students in 7th grade Guidance class helped to create a bulletin board by asking students to come up with words that came to mind when thinking about alcohol abuse. They then created a wordle from these words, and made a poster out of it to add to the bulletin board!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Box Tops for Education program: Please save your Boxtops for Education labels! Send them into school so that we can turn them into cash for our school. The 7th graders have created a competition for RAP rooms to participate in!

TMS PTA ANNOUNCEMENT: PTA is offering Telstar logo T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, and sweat-pants for sale through the TMS website under "News". Embroidered baseball caps will be for sale at the basketball games.

Important Dates:

Friday, Dec. 9: Middle School students will participate in Hour of Code

Friday, Dec. 9: Second Progress Reports will be available to students. Signed verification forms will need to be returned by Friday, December 16th

Saturday, Dec. 10: Lego State Championship in Augusta. Good luck to our Brickmasters!

Tuesday, Dec. 13: at 7 p.m. Winter Concert for THS and TMS

Friday, Dec. 16: 6th grade field trip to the Portland Museum of Science.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Stars Assembly 7:50 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: ¼ day dismissal at 11:30 for winter vacation.

Tuesday, Jan. 3: Return from winter vacation

We hope that you have a safe and wonderful holiday season from all of the staff at Telstar Middle School!

Be sure to be checking out our TMS website at www.tms.sad44.org regularly! We continue to add new features and it is a great place to remain informed of TMS news, game schedules, homework grade level calendars, morning announcements, parent newsletters and upcoming events.

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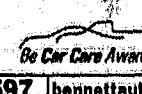
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EARL HART

Earl Hart died from natural causes at Rumford Hospital on Nov. 23, 2016. He was 79 years old. Born May 5, 1937, he was the son of Harland and Virginia Hart and one of 12 children. He was a lifelong resident of Bethel where he attended Bethel schools.

Earl married Frieda (Pat) Hinkley on Feb. 4, 1961. They were married for 55 years.

Earl worked in the woods from the time he was 14 years old, hauling logs from the forest with draft horses. He spent more than 30 years self-employed as a pulp truck driver and finished his career working at a local lumber mill.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, and horse pulling. He was an avid dancer and greatly enjoyed many weekends dancing with his wife and friends. Earl was also a Mason at the Bethel Lodge for 25 years.

His greatest joys were his two sons, five grandchildren, and five great-grandsons. He is survived by his wife, Pat Hart of Bethel, his sons and their wives Ozzie and Joy Hart of Bethel and Victor and Michele Hart of Southborough, Mass.; his grandchildren Sarah (Draper) of Fla., Jesse (Komulainen) of South Paris, and Owen, Henry and Charles (Hart) of Southborough, Mass.; his great grandchildren Zachary, Braydon, Landon, Logan, and Junior.

He is also survived by his sisters Ruby (Coolidge), Susie (Buckman), Polly (Mills), Lois (Chase), and his brother Frank and

many nieces and nephews. He is pre-deceased by his parents, Harley and Virginia, brothers Nelson, Harland, Howard, and Maurice, and sisters Virginia (Cole) and Hazel (Paine).

At his request, there will be no services. Arrangements are in the care of the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Greenleaf Chapel, 37 Vernon St., Bethel. Words of condolence and tribute may be shared at www.chandlerfunerals.com.



JERI IVA TATE

June 23, 1936 –
Dec. 1, 2016

Jeri Iva Tate, 80, of Shalotte, N.C., passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She was born June 23, 1936, in Mechanic Falls, daughter of the late Wallace Herbert and Florence (Bryant) Brown.

Jeri graduated from Gould Academy in 1954, put herself through nursing school and graduated with her nursing degree in 1956. She worked at North Shore Pediatric Hospital as a nurse and then for a private pediatrician's office. In 1967, she adopted her daughter, Elayna and moved to Bethel in 1969 where she raised Elayna as a single parent while working three jobs.

Loved by anyone who ever met her, Jeri was the most self-sacrificing woman and was dearly loved by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. She loved to travel, go on the casino boat, play bingo and visit all of her friends in Maine. Jeri also en-

joyed working at Grand Strand Senior Center and assisting with bus tours to many different places. Most important to her was her family and she will be deeply missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and devoted daughter, Elayna Marie Cassidy of Myrtle Beach; grandchildren, Chelsea Marie Carter and husband, David, Tarah Mae Walley and significant other William Stanley, all of N.C., Jennie Adair and her husband Travis, as well as Samantha Cassidy and boyfriend, Adam all of S.C.; great-grandchildren, Jordan, Kasey, Hayden, Abby, William and Miranda; brother, Eugene Brown and wife, Katie of Maine as well as many nieces and nephews.

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WALTER ENMAN

Walter "Bubba" Enman, 83 of South Paris, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 2 at the Maine Veteran's Home, surrounded by his loving family.

Walter was born the son of Leon and Elsie (Vail) Enman of Newry on July 6, 1933. He attended schools in the Bethel area before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, where he served his country in the Philippines.

Following his time in the service, he returned to Dedham, Mass. where he met the love of his life, Marilyn Gullage. They were married on Dec. 9, 1956. Together they had five children.

Walter enjoyed fishing, hunting, and trapping. He was known for being quiet, the jokester and telling tall tales. Many would remember Walter as an honest salesman for the Ripley and Fletcher Company in South Paris.

In his later years, his time was spent enjoying his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Walter was predeceased by his parents; and his sisters, June, Naomi and Polly; and his twin newborn sons.

Walter is survived by his wife, Marilyn of 59 years; his three daughters, Sharon Kimball and husband, Bruce of South Paris, Judith Abbott and husband, David of South Paris, and Lori Enman Royer of Bethel; as well as eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the Maine Veteran's Home for their compassion and loving care for our beloved Walter. We would also like to offer a heartfelt thank you to a friend and caregiver, Terry and to a wonderful friend, Darlene.

A memorial service for Walter will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the South Paris Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris. Condolences can be expressed to the family by visiting www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Services

A Celebration of Life for Alpheus W. Brooks, late of Greenwood, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the West Paris Baptist Church, Church Street, West Paris.



GIVING TREE IS UP—The businesses at the Philbrook Place in Bethel again plan to brighten the holiday season for needy children in the area by partnering with customers on a 'Giving Tree.' The tree holds tags, each representing a child from the community. Customers may choose a tag to purchase its gift, or there is also a donation box for those who wish to simply contribute cash. The children will receive something they need and something they like that interests them. The tree is located to the right of the main stairs in the store. Gifts are requested to be dropped off unwrapped by Dec. 19 to ensure they get there in time for Christmas morning. The tree is located to the right of the main stairs in the store. The drawing will take place Dec. 23.

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Course in mental health First Aid

The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) presents Youth Mental Health First Aid, a free course to learn how to help youth and teens with mental health and substance abuse problems. Results in 3 year certification on Friday, Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel.

For parents, teachers, neighbors, health staffs, citizens interested in learning how to recognize symptoms of mental health and substance use problems in youth/teens and what to do to help individuals experiencing those issues.

For information and to register: Go to www.nami-maine.org. Click on "Get Involved", then "Events". This event is at the bottom of p. 1. You may also call Brandi at NAMI Maine: 1-800-464-5767 x2320. Please register soon.

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